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DR. SUN YAT-SEN'S CABLE.

To British Labour Leader.

"GUNBOAT POLICY" RESENTED.

BLAME FASTENED ON BRITISH OFFICIALS.

[By Special "Telegraph" Representative.]

Canton, December 20th (delayed).
I have had some difficulty in securing a copy of Dr. Sun's message to Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, to which I referred in an earlier message to-day. Government circles here appeared to apprehend that the local publication of the complete text of the message might be interpreted more as an attack on the British officials mentioned in it than as a necessary reference to what is regarded as an essential fact in a communication to a leading British statesman. I have however, dissipated this apprehension by pointing to the emphasis laid in the message on the necessity of developing and extending the China market for British goods as a paramount consideration which would possibly make a strong appeal to a great centre of British trade like Hongkong.

Dr. Sun's message to Mr. Ramsay Macdonald reads as follows:

"RAMSAY MACDONALD, House of Commons, London.
"I have to ask you to bring to the notice of the British people, particularly the workers of your country, the grave situation which His Majesty's representatives in China have been mainly instrumental in creating at Canton."

"My Government here is being threatened with acts of war by an international force consisting of nearly a score of cruisers and gunboats with armed British soldiers, already landed at Shantou. This is the work of the Diplomatic Body at Peking, taken at the instance of the British Minister on the advice of the Senior Consul at Canton, who is British Consul-General, and the Inspector-General of Chinese Maritime Customs, who is a British national."

"This action is being taken because my Government, which, in spite of changes in personnel, has existed and ruled an important block of territory in South China since 1917, claims the Customs revenues collected within its territory after deducting our proper share of the funds required for the service of foreign debt, consisting mainly of the punitive indemnities inflicted on China for the Boxer Troubles in 1901."

"My Government is compelled to insist on this claim in order to end the repeated invasions of our territory which the Peking Government has been able to organize and finance out of funds that would not be available for the purpose if the entire Customs from our territory were not remitted to Peking, as is now being done under the existing extra-treaty arrangements imposed by the Foreign Powers on China."

"In view of the Diplomatic Body's categorical admission that the disposal of the Chinese Customs surplus is wholly a Chinese internal question, it is difficult to explain rationally the present threat of hostilities directed against my Government by the British representatives and others."

"May I remind the British people the ultimate masters of the men who are injuring the name of England here—that the problem of unemployment, which is vexing the governing mind of Great Britain, can never be completely solved unless your foreign markets are developed and extended. China is admittedly one of the richest markets for British goods. This market, however, cannot be secured by the gunboat policy of the old diplomacy, though it can be won by a policy aiming at the capture of Chinese goodwill. To menace us with acts of war is hardly likely to yield such goodwill, however much it may be an expression of the diplomacy which sacrifices right and justice to the false gods of power and prestige. SUN YAT-SEN."

CONDENSED CABLES.

S. S. SHANTUNG.

THE MEXICAN REVOLT.

By Reuter's American service it is reported from Mexico City that President Obregon thinks he has enough forces to quell the rebellion and has ordered the suspension of recruiting. It is considered that the rebellion is doomed owing to the indifference of the inhabitants.

Afghan Trouble.

According to well-informed circles, says Reuter, the British military position on the North West Frontier has not been rendered any worse by recent events. Reports from the frontier show that even the worst spot has been materially improved recently, and that practically all sections of Mahsuds have come to terms with the British.

Indian Elections.

It is reported by Reuter from Delhi that some forty Swarajists have returned to the As-

CHARGE OF MALICIOUS DAMAGE.

The barge of the China Navigation steamer Shantung, which vessel is now undergoing repairs at the Tai Po Docks, was brought before Mr. N. L. Smith, at the Police Court this morning, in connection with a charge of maliciously damaging the ship. The case was brought under the Merchant Shipping Act, and another man, a dockyard workman, was also brought into the case on a charge of aiding and abetting.

The case for the prosecution, which was conducted by Mr. Bennett, was that defendants were discovered in the act of removing a plate from the bow of the steamer and replacing it by another so as to leave a crevice for an unlawful purpose.

In a discussion of the bail, his worship remarked that the accused might find it difficult to raise the sum of \$1,000, but on Mr. Bennett pointing out that it could not be told who might be behind the affair, he fixed the

HONGKONG'S BUILDING LAWS.

THE PROPOSED CHANGES EXPLAINED.

A Vital Matter of Public Health.

[Special to the "Telegraph."]

There has been a lot of confused thinking and loose talking with regard to the Government's proposal to amend the building laws of the Colony. At last week's meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce one speaker referred to the Government's intention to "reduce premises by half" whilst another speaker pictured the Government in time taking the whole building for the provision of open spaces. The Hon. Mr. Chow Shun-sun said it was desirable that the Government should be informed once and for all that the Chinese would never allow such an Ordinance to be passed without objection and from such a remark it would appear that the proposals are specifically directed against the Chinese instead of being designed to cover all domestic property in the Colony. In the hope of enlightening our readers on the nature of the controversy and for the purpose of making the Government's intentions clear, we propose stating just what the facts are, and why this new legislation is necessary.

The Evils of Overcrowding.

There surely will be no doubt in any man's mind that the overcrowding of domestic dwellings in the City constitutes Hongkong's most serious menace to health. Housing congestion here, from a health point of view, has been referred to by experts and medical men in the strongest of condemnatory terms. Dr. W. J. Simpson, a specialist who was sent here from England in 1903 to report on the prevalence of plague, said that one of the main causes of that disease was "the insanitary and overcrowded condition of most of the Chinese houses, with an exceptional amount of darkness and bad ventilation of the rooms."

The Present Law.

In addition to the provision of open spaces there is the stated question of scavenging lanes and it would perhaps be as well to state the full provisions of the existing law and then state the provisions of the proposed law. Section 179 of the 1903 Ordinance provides that every new building erected or re-erected on land leased from the Crown after February, 1903, shall be provided with a scavenging lane unless such a lane already exists or has been provided for by the Government. (Any existing street, the level of which allows of access for scavenging purposes to the back yard of the new building is, of course, accepted as an "existing scavenging lane" for the purposes of this Section.) The Section further provides that in addition to the scavenging lane there must be an open space, which must be provided by the owner, exclusively belonging to the new building and "equal in area to not less than one-half of the roofed-over area of such building." That is to say: Apart from the scavenging lane, one-third of the area of the building land must be left as open space. (There has been a great deal of confusion over this proportion of open space required, but it stands to reason that if an open space is equal to half the roofed-over area then it is equal to one-third of the whole plot.) There is no provision in Section 179 for the payment of any compensation, and there is no power to grant modification of its provisions.

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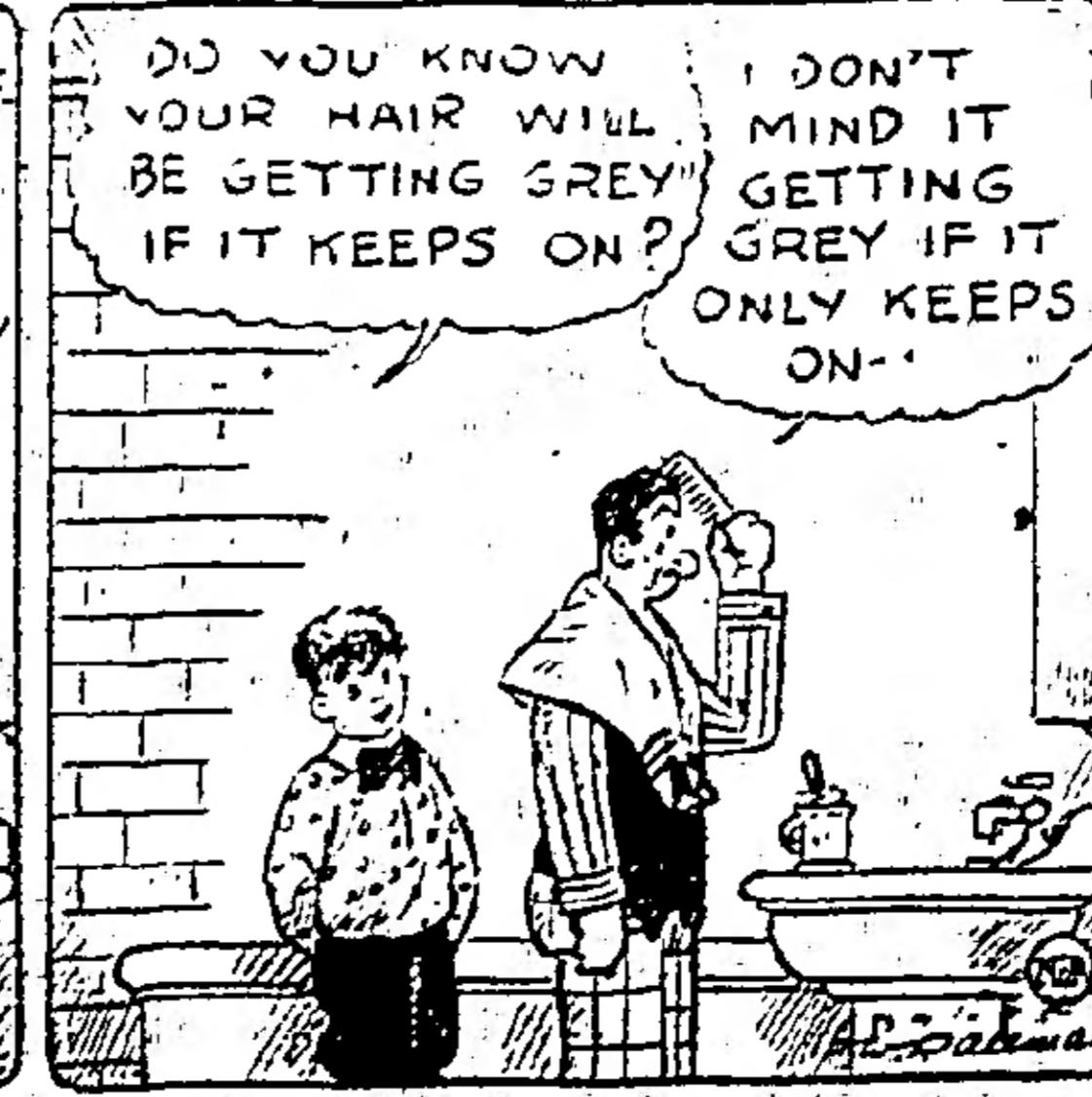
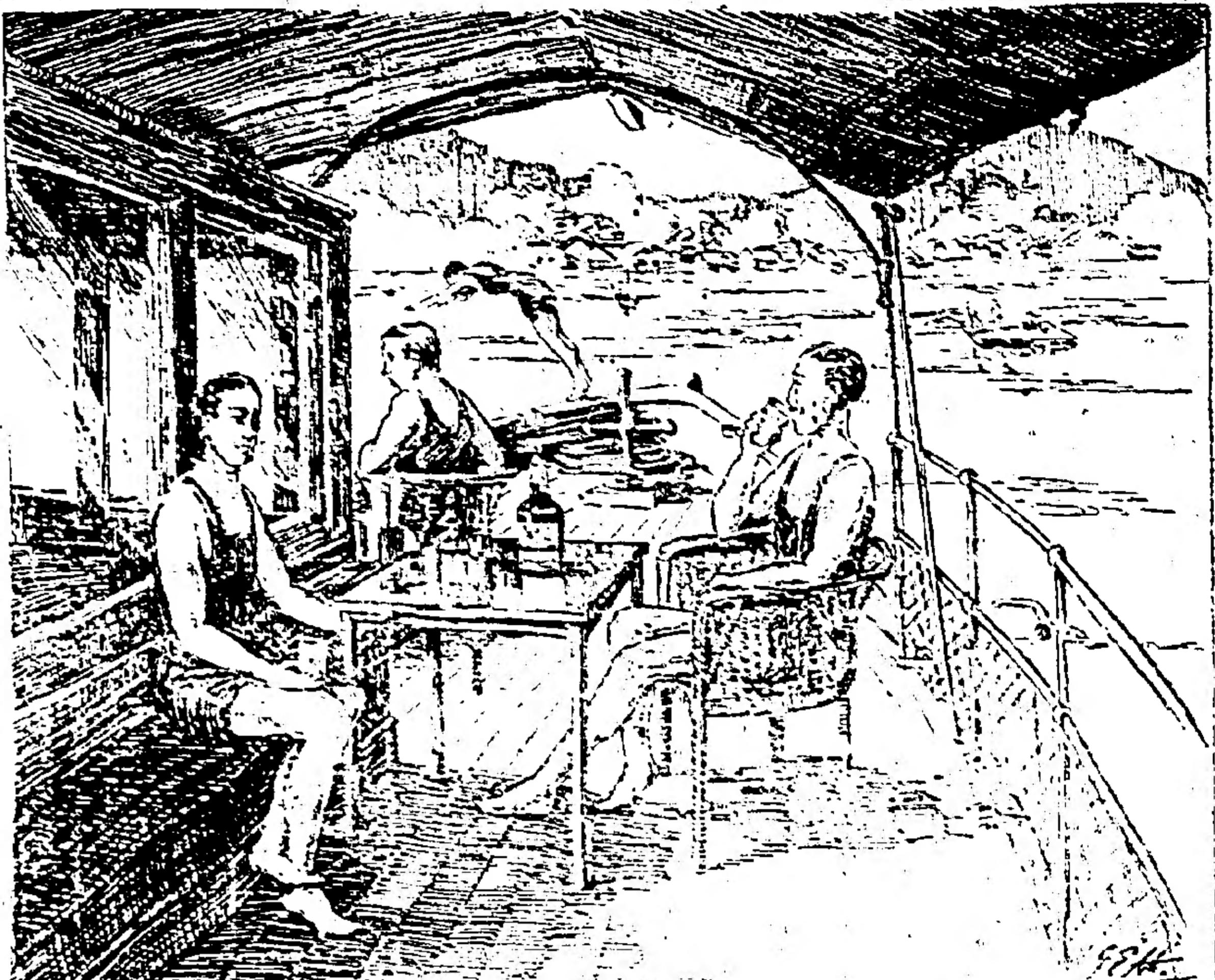
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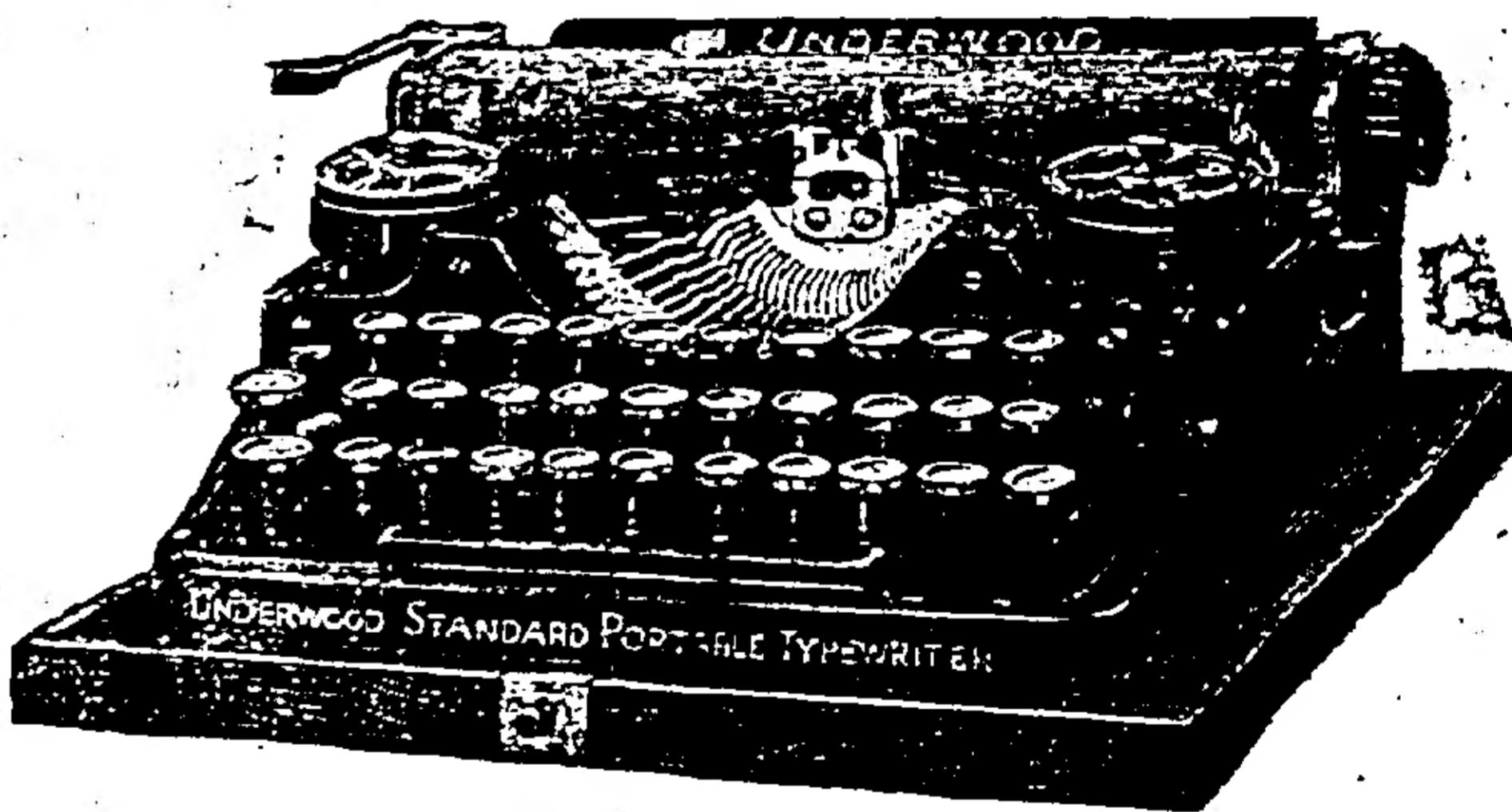
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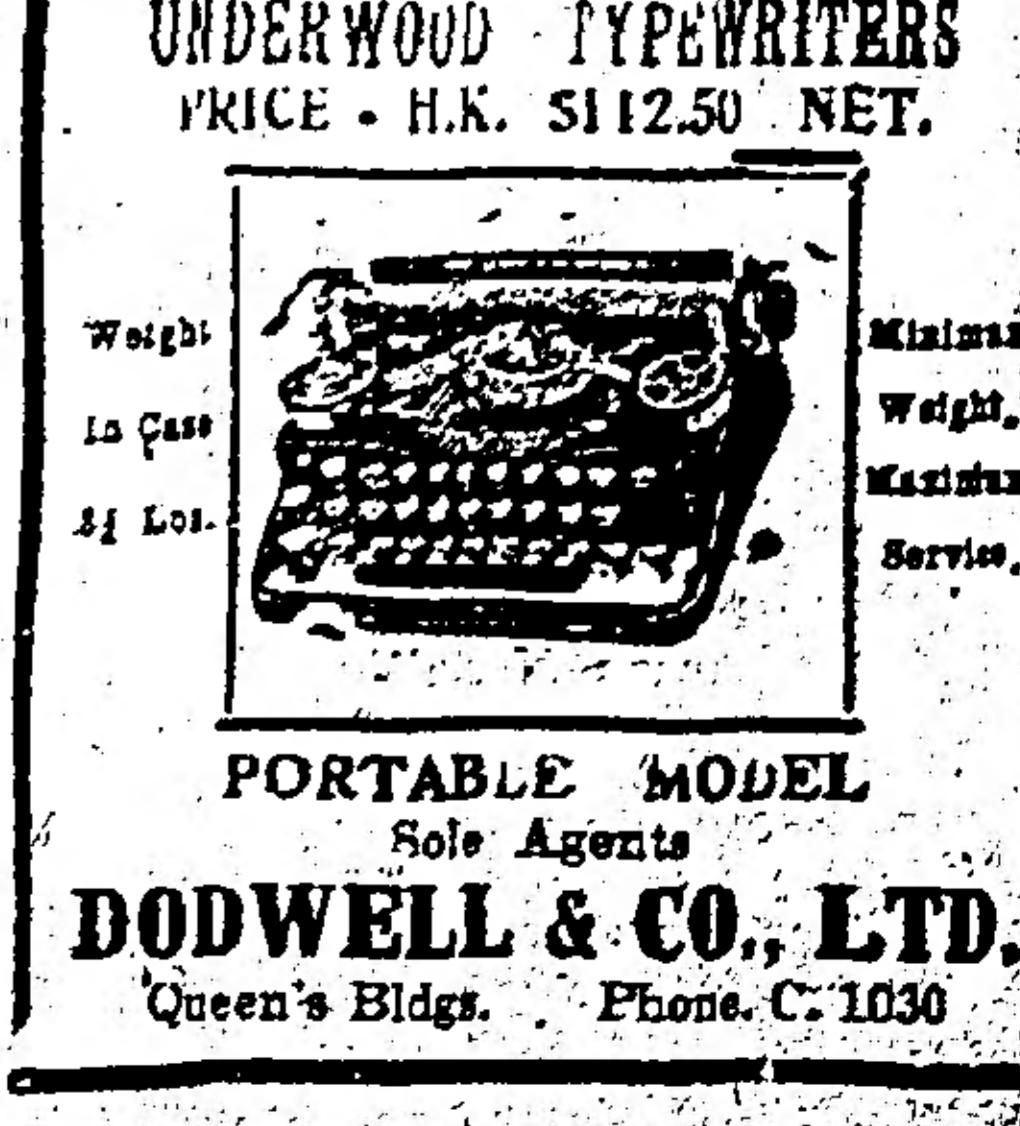
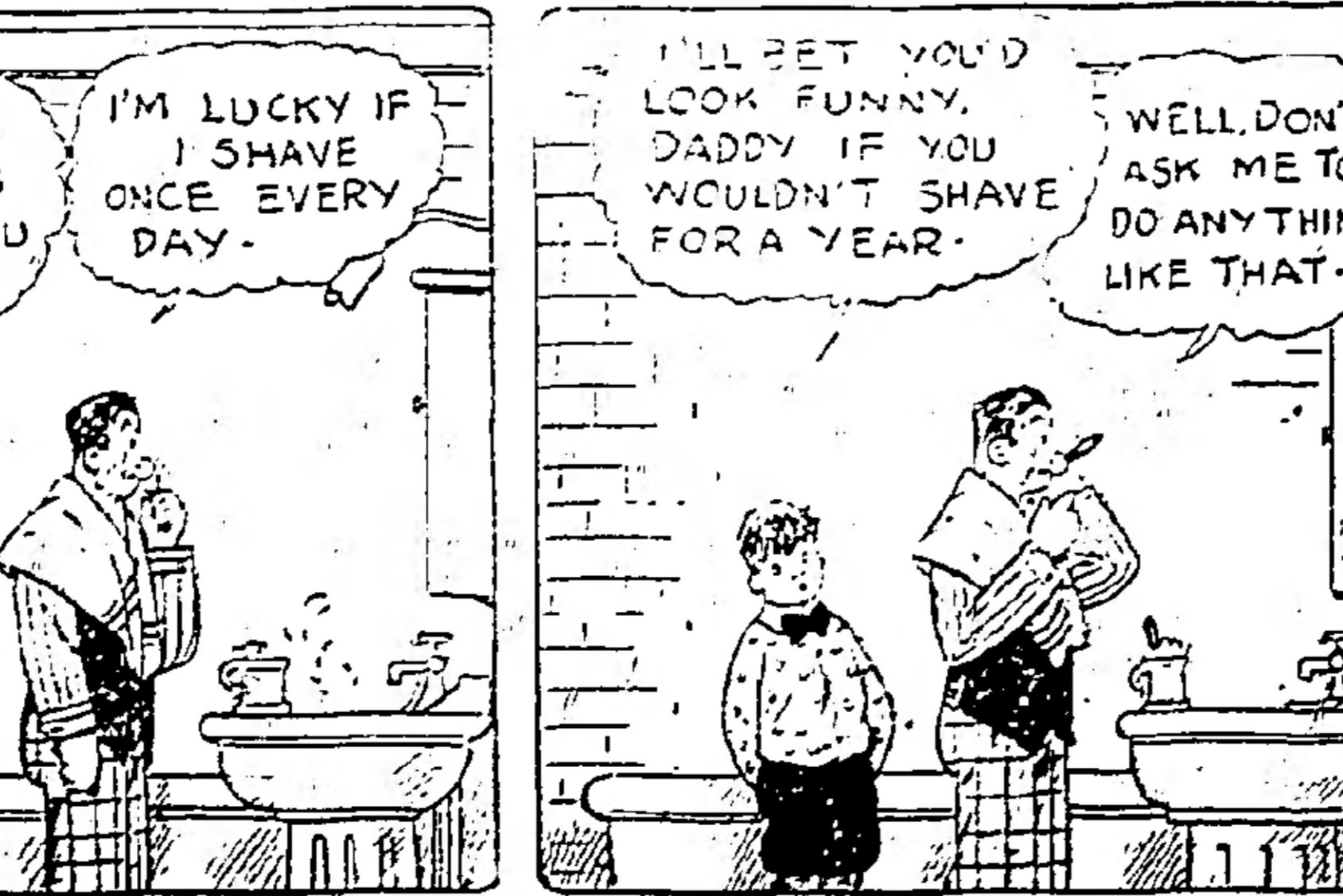
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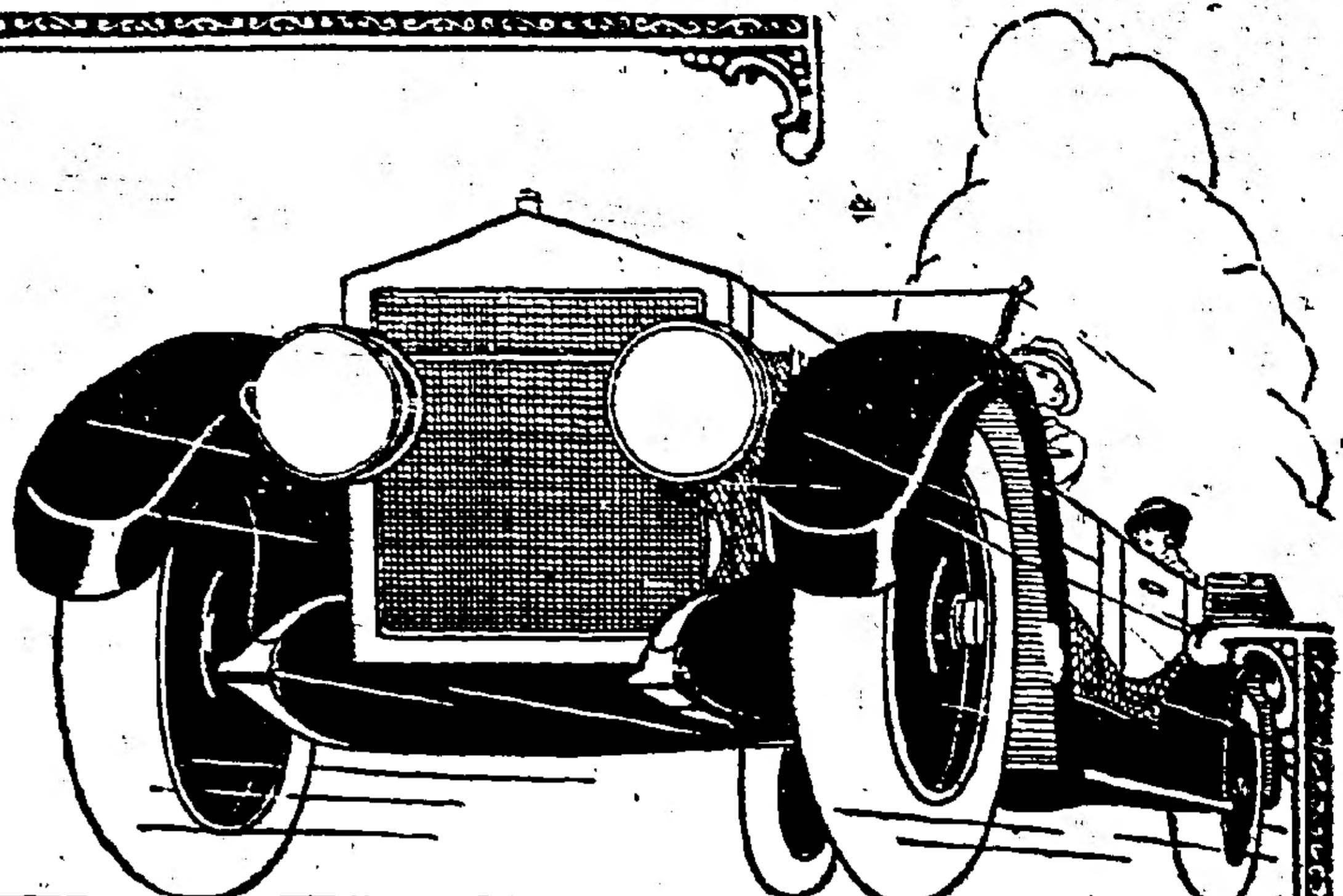
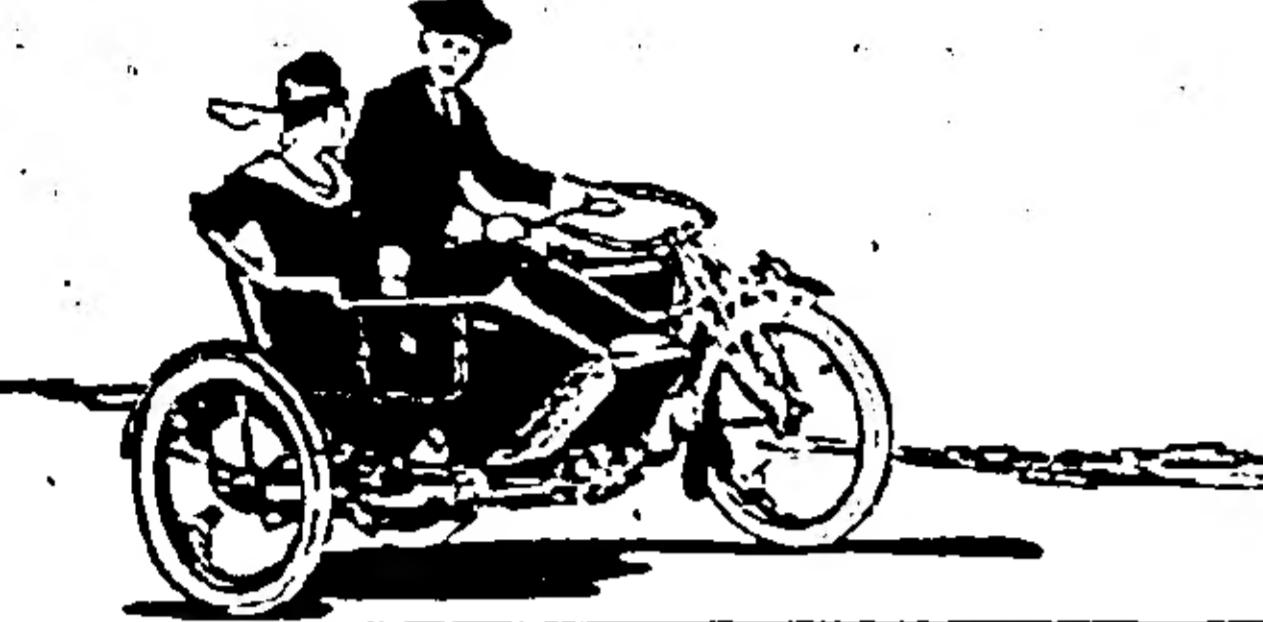


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LOCAL MOTOR NOTES & NEWS

The Hongkong Automobile Association has been in touch there are at present about a communication with the "Star" thousand cars and some three Ferry Company regarding the hundred motor cycles in the charges for the transportation of Colony. Good motoring road-sides and cycle combination have been provided on both sides across the harbour, with of the harbour, but the use of the result that a reduction of fifty these necessarily involves cents, i.e., from \$2 to \$1.50 has start sending of cars and cycles been obtained in the case of going across the water. In the meantime, negotiations are proceeding with the Government on the whole especially, long rows of cars can be seen waiting to be transported across the harbour, and those first in the line count themselves lucky.

It should be borne in mind in being able to get over quickly, question, that the "Star" Ferry says scarcely printable. Delays service for passengers alone is of this sort ought not to be totally inadequate, and that they would not be experienced by the Company has a duty to perform if we had the service which the form in catering for passengers size of the motoring community first. Much as we sympathise with the motor cyclists, the Com. that, as a correspondent reported with the motor cyclists, the Com. that, as a correspondent reported cannot be expected to crowd last week, a man should have to already overcrowded ferries with wait for nearly two hours before cycles or other vehicles. There he can get his cycle across the is no hiding the fact that the harbour. That is unavoidable. Company does not want to carry under present conditions, but we cycles (the present ferries were very most emphatically that better not designed for vehicular acci-arrangements should be provided, modations) and the new charges are meant, no doubt, to drive them away.

The blame cannot fairly be laid at the door of the Company. After all the service is intended for ordinary passengers, and they for motors and cycles. If have done something for something is not soon done, motorists by providing the special we shall wake up, a couple lighter for cars and cycles. True, of years hence to realise that we that service is inadequate and have, notwithstanding, but maybe most awkward for those who have thousand cars to handle, in hurry to get their machines. Then, unless these big ferries cross, but it is better than are running, absolute chaos will nothing. Moreover, this transport question is altogether too big for such a Company to deal with. The provision of adequate facilities rests with the Government.

Much comment is heard regarding the drainage works proceeding along the road at Aberdeen.

It is to be hoped that the where the thoroughfare has been Government will wake up to the opened up for some months, fact that this Colony is growing rendering the latter end of Aberdeen at an alarming rate, necessitating somewhat dangerous to the taking of urgent steps to traffic. The Secretary of the provide, or call for tenders for local Automobile Association a quick and efficient service of states that the Government has transport. The present arrangement has been approached on the matter, are absolutely incapable, and the works are expected to of coping with demands. The completed by the end of Government does not appear January.

COURTESY ON THE ROAD.

Small Errors Which Cause Trouble.

Should the driver who is descending a hill waive any right of precedence he may have and give way to a car proceeding up the hill? It is the generally accepted rule, and I think it is a good one, says Capt. E. de Normandville, who continues:—But it is a question upon which there is some diversity of opinion.

Suppose the car running down hill has a clear road, whereas the ascending car has to pass some slow moving vehicle? Still I say, yes. The descending car may be either accelerated so that it passes the obstruction in time to allow a clear road to the climber, or it may be slowed down even stopped, if necessary, for the same purpose.

It is essential, of course, that the driver of the descending car should make it abundantly clear which course he intends to pursue, or whether he insists on sticking to his rights, and the ascending driver should act instantly upon such indication. If the latter is in the slightest doubt, he should act as he would in similar circumstances on a level road—that is, allow the car with the right of way undisputed use of the road.

This waiving of rights on hill is a survival of the days when cars were not quite so reliable as they are now, and it was fairer to reckon that the hill-climber was more or less in trouble. Incidentally, it has always struck me that the descending car was just as likely to have poor brakes as the ascending car was to have inadequate engine power, and therefore to be just as much in need of considerate treatment. However, the "unwritten law" being what it is, it is wise to adhere to it, although the need has passed.

There is another point concerning courtesy on the road which does not seem to me to be quite so world-wide as it should be. The wet weather having apparently arrived, I may fittingly, and I hope, usefully, bring it to your notice.

You know if you are walking along the pavement of your native town how annoying it is to be accessible, as well as more bespattered with mud thrown up inefficient; and facilities heretofore by the wheels of passing cars? Inadequate in outlying sections, are to be materially improved in the very near future.

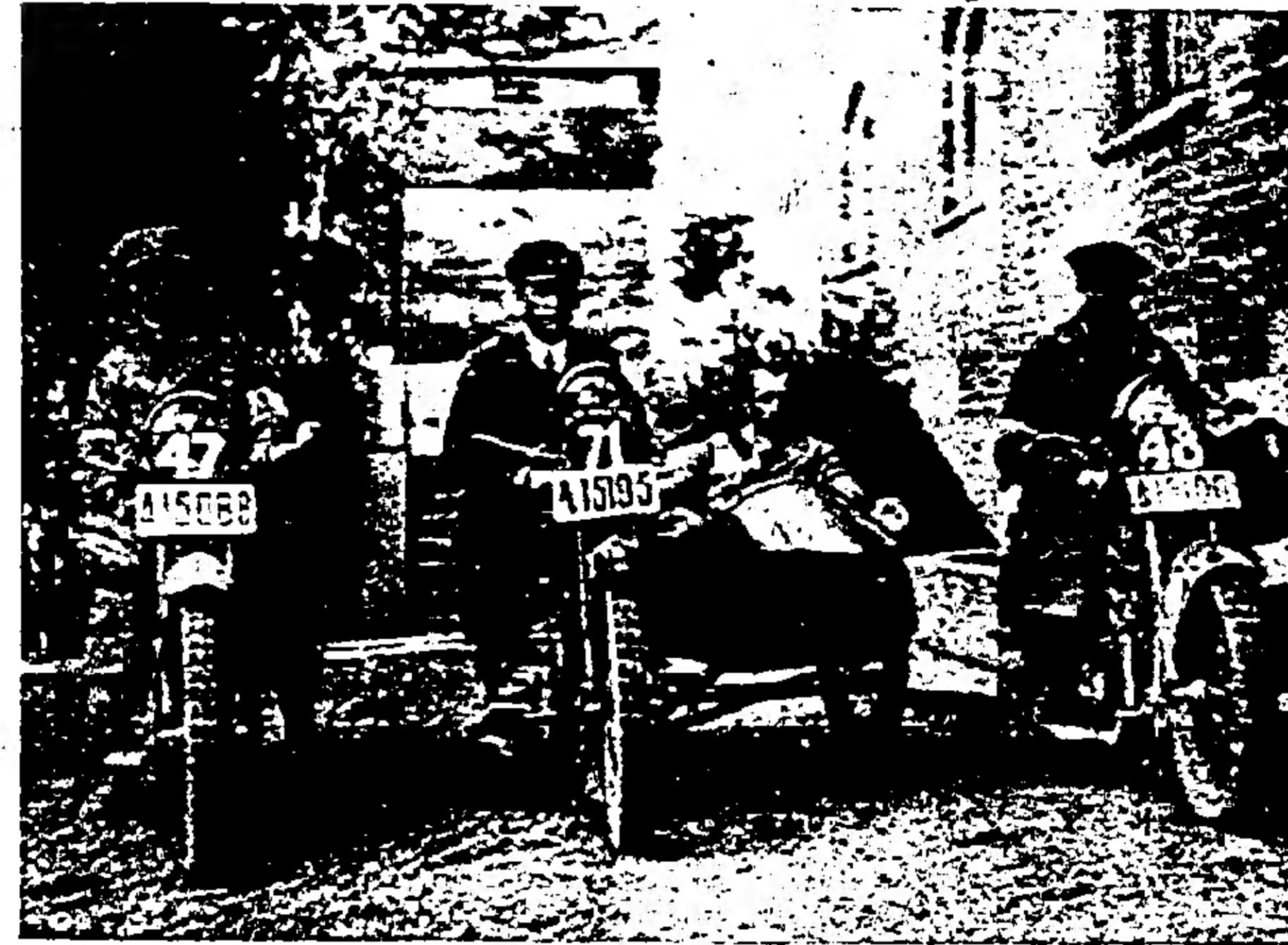
As result, the number of isolated places in which any possible inconvenience affects only a small number of users in extremely remote sections, will become more limited, whereas the marked benefits from standardization that are derived in lower costs to a large number of owners of automobiles, immediately reflect to advantage of all, regardless of locality and boundaries.

MOTORCYCLES FOR TRAFFIC SQUAD.

After hanging fire for weeks, the keenly sought after Los Angeles police order for 64 motorcycles was recently awarded the Pacific Motor Supply Co. This is the largest contract for police machines ever placed in the West. When the new machines arrive, the present fleet of 40 machines will be turned over by the traffic squad to the agency.

You didn't notice them except such as seemed likely to get in the way. But they noticed you! As I say, you err unwittingly those of you who do err—and perhaps these few words may have the effect of convincing the

HARLEY-DAVIDSON PRIZE-WINNING TRIO.



This Harley-Davidson team, F. E. Larsen, (left) Gunnar Westerberg (centre) and Erik Westerberg (right) won the manufacturers' prize and first prize in individual competition, both solo and sidecar, in the famous International Six Days' Trials held this summer in Sweden.

BATTERIES URGED.

For All Cars Exported from America.

The majority of members of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, U. S. A., feeling that careful and intelligent users of cars throughout the world are best served if the full benefits resulting from standardization can be achieved, recommend the use of battery ignition on all automobiles shipped abroad after July 1, 1924.

Experience shows that battery ignition has proved successful in all territories where it has been used and it seems that the proper time has arrived to give to automobile users in all parts of the world the benefits that result from standardization on this modern system of ignition.

Servicing of batteries has greatly developed during the last few years as a result of better organizations in most countries. It has become more accessible, as well as more bespattered with mud thrown up by the wheels of passing cars? Inadequate in outlying sections, are to be materially improved in the very near future.

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IMPERIAL SEDAN."

NEW CADILLAC MODEL.

Among the exhibits at the closed car shows now in progress in various parts of America, the Imperial Sedan, a new model in the V-83 line presented by the Cadillac Motor Car Company, is exciting unusual attention. It is the door rather than on the door

contains a number of new features which heretofore have been.

"The rear compartment in both obtainable only in the highest-priced custom coachwork. As Sedan is seven inches longer than according to Mr. Lynn McNaughton, the type 61 sedan, affording more leg room. It is also two and General Sales Manager, expects wider and one-half inch

expectations are that the Imperial higher.

"A number of improvements have been made to aid the

"A plate glass division between the front and rear posts are smaller. Other detail compartments is the particular changes in design bring the feature which differentiates the division in the two-piece ventilat-

"Imperial Sedan from the Sedan, "the windshields in a lower position states Mr. McNaughton. "It extends across the whole width of the car and can be raised or lowered at will.

"When the car is chauffeur-driven, the turning of a handle raises the partition, giving the same complete privacy to the rear compartment as in an imperial limousine. This glass is curved, 7.32-inch thick and of mirror finish, conforming in quality with the many refinements which have been added to the whole line of V-83 closed models.

"When the owner drives the imperial sedan, the partition is lowered and completely disappears in the back of the front seat, giving the cozy companionability of the standard sedan. This same feature, which patrons demanding the extreme touches of refinement have formerly been able to obtain only in custom work, is included in the seven-passenger Imperial Suburban.

"Our distributors report that visitors at the shows have expressed interest in many other improvements in the new Cadillac bodies.

"The carpets, curtains, and upholstery, it has been noted, have been planned by artists who have exercised the same degree of care as would be used in decorating the drawing room of a most cultured home. The upholstery and other interior trimmings are of a new fine of velvet mohair made from the first cardings of goat hair. Smoking and vanity cases have been specially designed so they will match the

MOTOR CYCLE SHOW.

Next Year in Chicago.

The 10th U.S. National Motor Cycle, Bicycle and Accessory Show will be held in Chicago, February 4th to 9th, 1924, at the Broadway Armory. The last show was held in New York.

In order that each section of the country be properly recognized the Show will be alternated between the East and the West, New York one year and Chicago the next. The Show brings together the entire cycling industry annually, and manufacturers, jobbers and dealers get together, exchange views and lay plans for further increase of their production and sales. The season just closing has been very good for the cycle people. Approximately 50,000 motor bicycles were made and sold while bicycle production and sales ran better than half a million. The value of the motor cycle and bicycle as means of swift and economical transportation is being realized more fully to-day than ever before and retail merchants in practically every line of business are using the motor cycle and side van for quick, light delivery purposes, effecting a marked saving over the horse drawn delivery wagon or motor truck. The motor cycle has another place in society with the city, county and State police and constabulary. By its use automobile bandits have been apprehended and thousands of dollars worth of property saved for its owners that would never have been recovered otherwise.

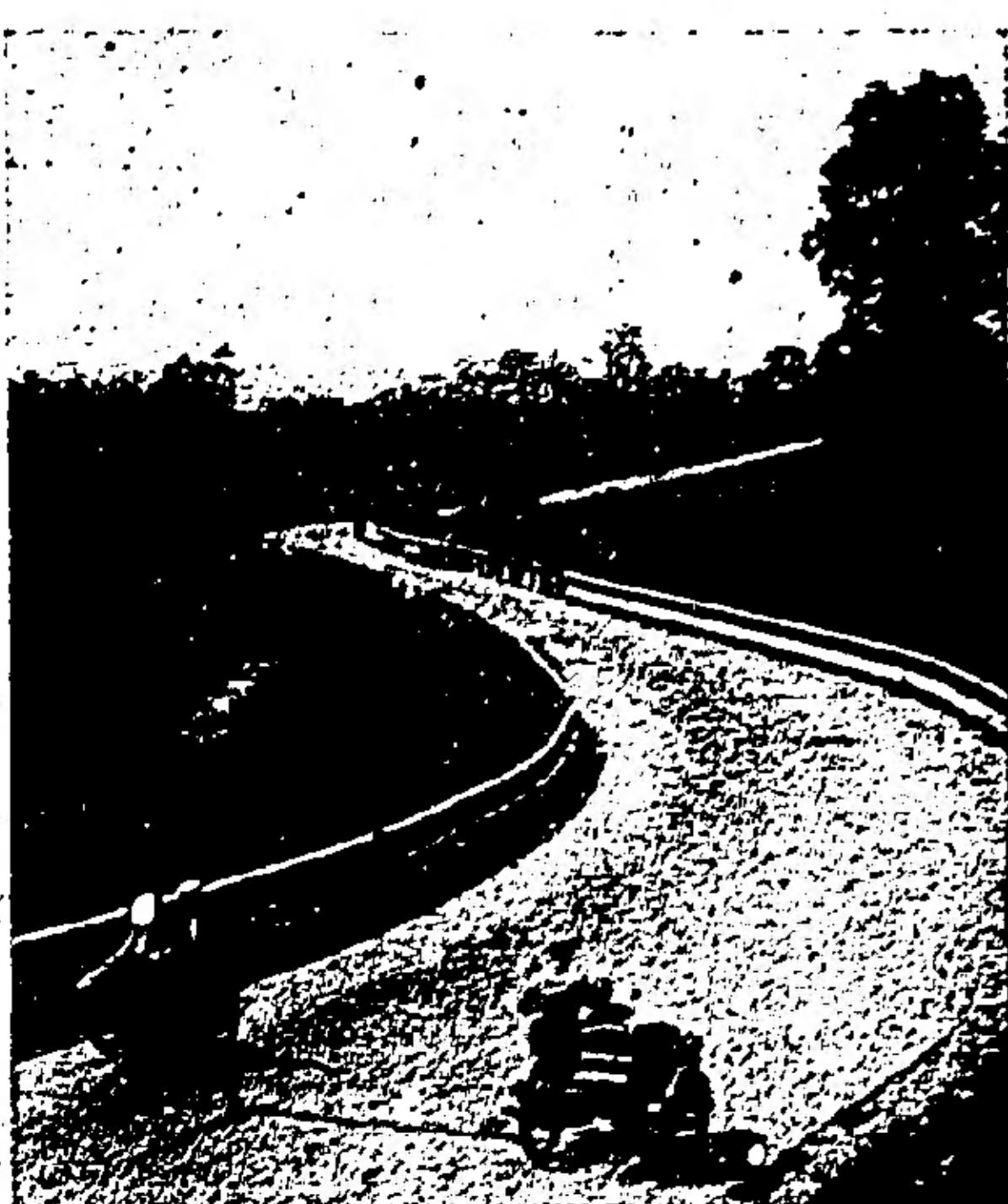
CADILLAC EXPORT.

The export business of the Cadillac Motor Car company for 1923 shows a large increase over that of 1922. During one recent week, cars were shipped from the Cadillac factory destined for the following points:—Caracas, Venezuela; Sydney, Australia; Lisbon, Portugal; London, England; Stockholm, Sweden; Christiania, Norway; Geneva, Switzerland; Mexico; Honolulu, Hawaii; Athens, Greece; Utrecht, Holland; and Brussels, Belgium. Twenty-one cars were also shipped September 25th, for Madrid, Spain.

SOMETHING TO BE THANKFUL FOR.



A FINE MOTORING ROAD.

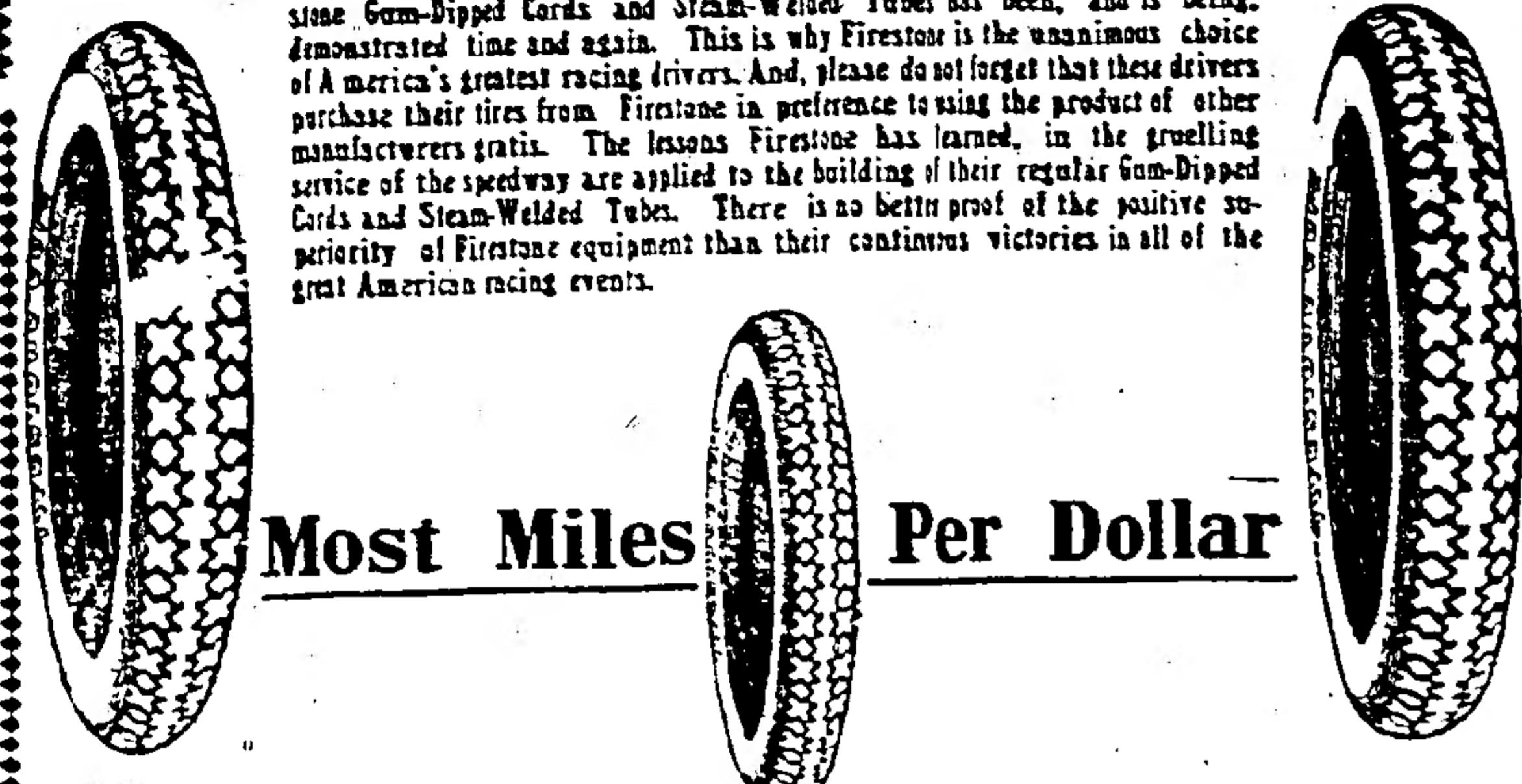


This photo, taken on the road between Maumee and Waterville, Ohio, shows two "Harleys" passing one another.

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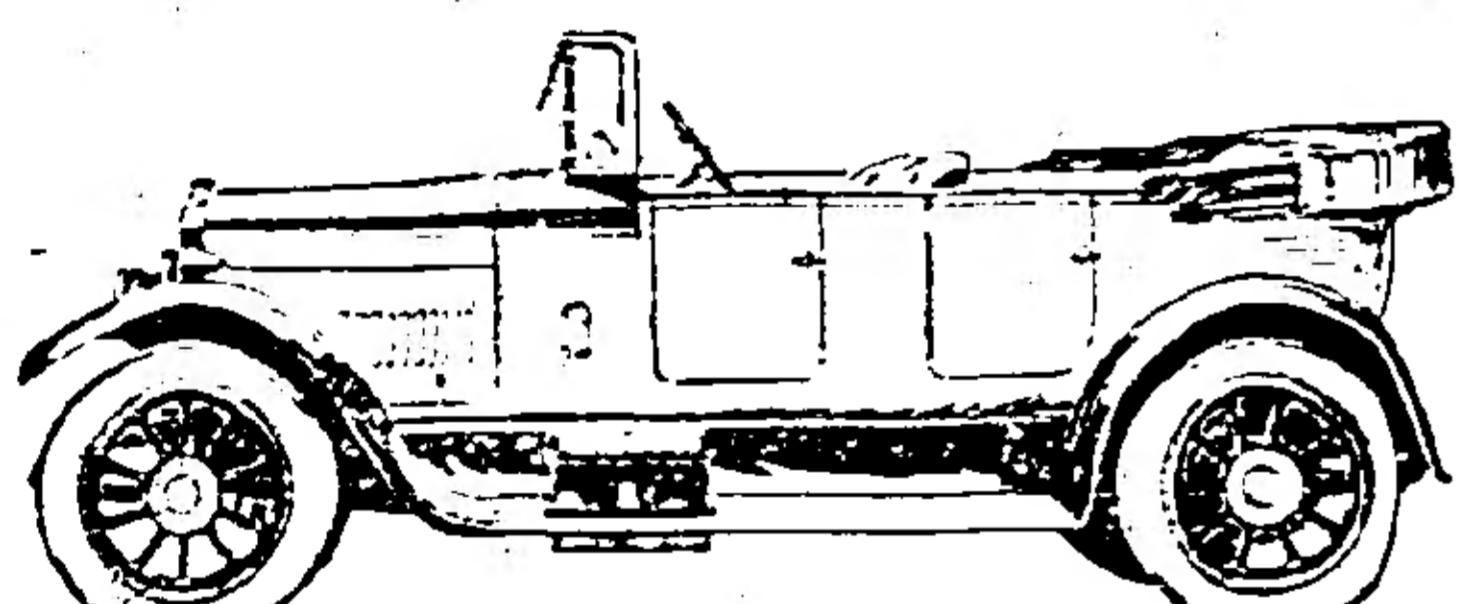
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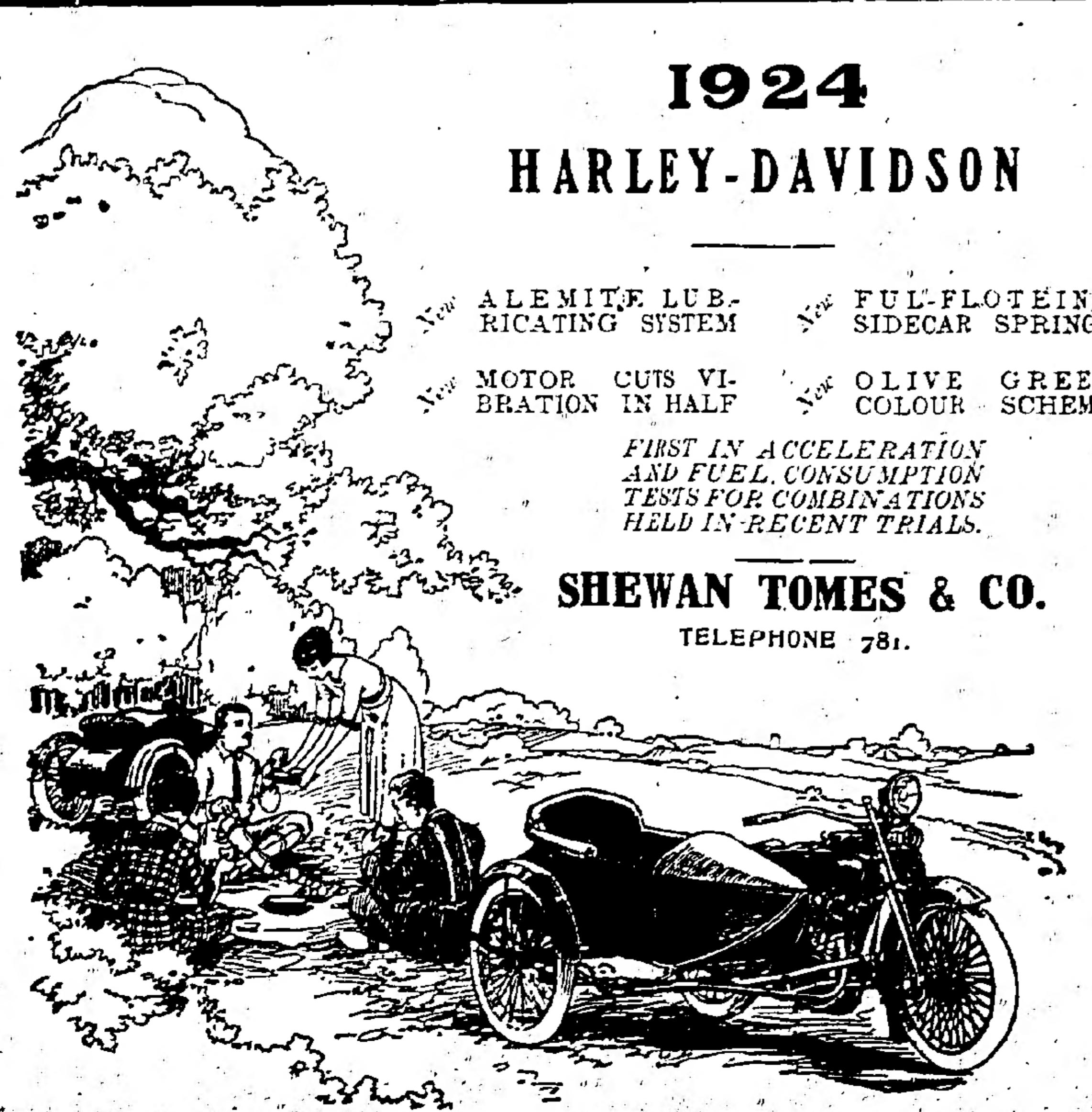
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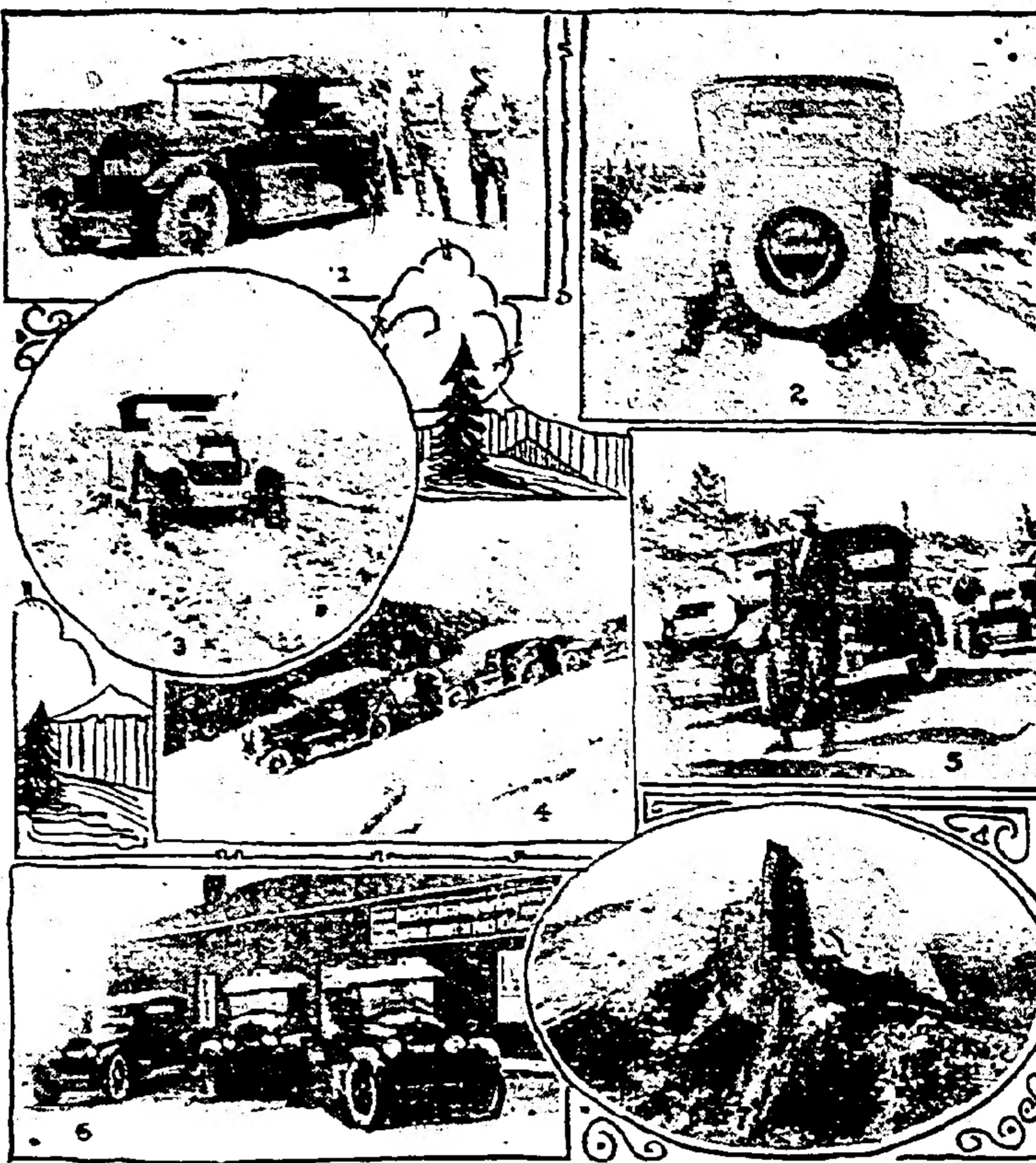
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INTERESTING PICTURES OF THE CADILLAC.



(1) A new V-63 in the sand and alkali dust near Flagstaff, Arizona. Left to right: A. U. Widman, Cadillac Manager of Manufacturing; William R. Strickland, Assistant Chief Engineer; Lynn McNaughton, Vice President, and General Sales Manager. (2) Rain soaked and rutted, the blue clay roads near Elko and Winnemucca, Nevada, were all but impassable. (3) Bad going in the greasy gumbo on the Omaha Lincoln and Denver road at Hastings, Nebraska. (4) Descending Pike's Peak in close formation. (5) Lynn McNaughton, Cadillac Vice-President and General Sales Manager, member of the party through the hardest going from Denver to Los Angeles. (6) At the summit of Pike's Peak. (7) A bold promontory unconquered by man opposite Glacier Point, Yosemite Valley, California.

ECONOMY IN CAR DRIVING.

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Some Facts and Figures.

In the course of an article in the Boston News Bureau (a prominent financial journal) a writer says:

In the spring of 1924 from the top of the new six-story automobile body building plant of the Studebaker Corporation at South Bend, there will shine forth a beacon light that will illuminate the country for miles around and guide aviators as well as motorists on the horizon line twenty miles distant.

Everybody interested in the development of the United States should keep his eye on that beacon light, for it represents more than advertisement, aviation or motor-dom. Underneath it will be the index of American prosperity and progress, for Studebaker is this year rounding out the largest modern automobile building plant in the world and marvelous to relate is doing it out of earnings, with increasing cash in the bank and no debt.

HISTORIC ERAS.

Studebaker has three histories connected with the development of America. It was pioneer in the covered wagon crossing the plains, its history beginning with 1852, and for two generations it was the world's largest wagon manufacturer.

Fifty years from its birth at South Bend, or in 1902, it was launched in the automobile business producing electrics and two years later the gasoline motor.

In 1915 and 1916 it had reached the point of \$9,000,000 a year net earnings. But when Bernstorff

course it will make its protest; and, conversely, it will repay its owner for sensible and reasonable treatment.

THE COST OF SPEED.

Nothing sends up running costs so much as continual high speed. Because a car is capable of its 45 or 60 m.p.h., it does not follow that the best results will be obtained by its being driven habitually at a figure near its maximum.

One man handles and treats his car as if it were a living thing able to appreciate and repay care and consideration. Another man looks upon his car simply as a dead, unfeeling, mechanical possession, able to endure without protest, neglect and abuse alike.

The modern car is not a delicate piece of mechanism fit only for careful nursing, and requiring always to be treated as a tender thing on the verage of a breakdown; it will stand a surprising amount of misuse and neglect; but there are some limits to its capacity in this direction. In due

time the advertising value of the high power electric lights which will blaze from its roof tower—a beacon light in the motor world.

Studebaker as a motor concern had a good foundation in great lumber yards, needful in the vast business of the Studebaker wagon factory. It was thus easily able to become the largest automobile concern building its own bodies.

It has a million and a half cubic feet dry kiln capacity. It now has 190 acres at South Bend and occupies 35 acres of land in other cities. In floor space it has altogether 7,500,000 square feet.

HOW TO FIGHT A PETROL FIRE.

Precautions to Minimise Car Damage.

Have you ever meditated upon the possibility of your car catching fire, and your probable actions in such an event? Admittedly it is an unlikely event, but such things do still happen, and it is just as well to be prepared.

Before considering how to put the fire out, let us take the matter in order, and find out what starts those flames, says a Home writer. And, to go right to the very beginning, I have noticed that quite a number of people treat petrol with surprising carelessness. Familiarity breeds contempt, I suppose.

DANGERS OF SMOKING.

You simply must not smoke while you are employing petrol into a tank, and you ought not to smoke while in a garage. There are usually large "No Smoking" notices posted in public garages, but they are not always enforced so far as customers are concerned. They ought to be.

If you are filling your tank in the open air it is unlikely if not impossible, for a spark from your pipe or cigarette to ignite the petrol. The trouble is that some bystander, unconsciously wishing to follow your example, lights up, throws down the blazing match into a pool of petrol that you have spilled—and up goes the car!

OTHER POSSIBLE CAUSES.

In the case of a car catching fire in this way, if you were not smoking yourself you might argue that it was not your fault. But I think that to keep an eye open for too closely approaching strangers who are smoking, or liable to start smoking on the lightest provocation, is only a matter of reasonable precaution. And it is not quite so complicated as it looks on paper!

Apart from carelessness, are there any other ways in which a car may catch fire? Is self-ignition by the car possible? As a matter of fact it is possible, if unlikely. A blow-back into the carburettor may set the liquid in the float chamber alight. Another possible cause is external sparking from a faulty high-tension lead. The wiring is short and well away from the carburettor on a new car, but it is worth while remembering, if ever you have occasion to overhaul the plug wiring, that untidiness is not only disadvantageous of badly-planned or carelessly-fitted festoons of wire.

A leaky exhaust pipe is another potential source of danger, more especially if the underscreen is so constructed as to allow a pool of petrol to lodge in it. We all flood our carburetters at times, in spite of the makers' statement that this is unnecessary. As a result, in certain circumstances, it would be possible for the inside of the bonnet to become filled with a more or less explosive mixture, and a flame from a loose exhaust joint would have interesting possibilities.

THE REMEDY.

Whatever the cause of the fire, the results and the remedies are much the same. The first thing to do, if there is time, is to turn off the petrol from the main tank or autovac to the carburettor. The tap ought to be accessible on every car. On my own it is under the dash within reach of my foot, and I can close it at an instant's notice.

There is only one way to put out a petrol fire, and that is to smother it. Water is worse than useless, for it simply extends the active area of the blazing spirit without putting out the flames. You must attack the fire directly by depriving it of air. Perhaps the handiest method is the use of one of the little pumps containing a chemical preparation which can be carried inconspicuously on the car. Failing this, the fire must be beaten out with coats and rags, or in an emergency even road dust, if there happens to be a nice tidy sweep-up heap handy, may be called into service.

If the fire is simply at the carburettor and you have turned off the petrol at once, do not throw dirt or sand on it. Even if you do not smother it, the flames will soon burn out without doing worse damage than scorching the bonnet, but a handful or so of flint and granite dust will give you a few hours work in cleaning the carburettor and magneto before the car will run.

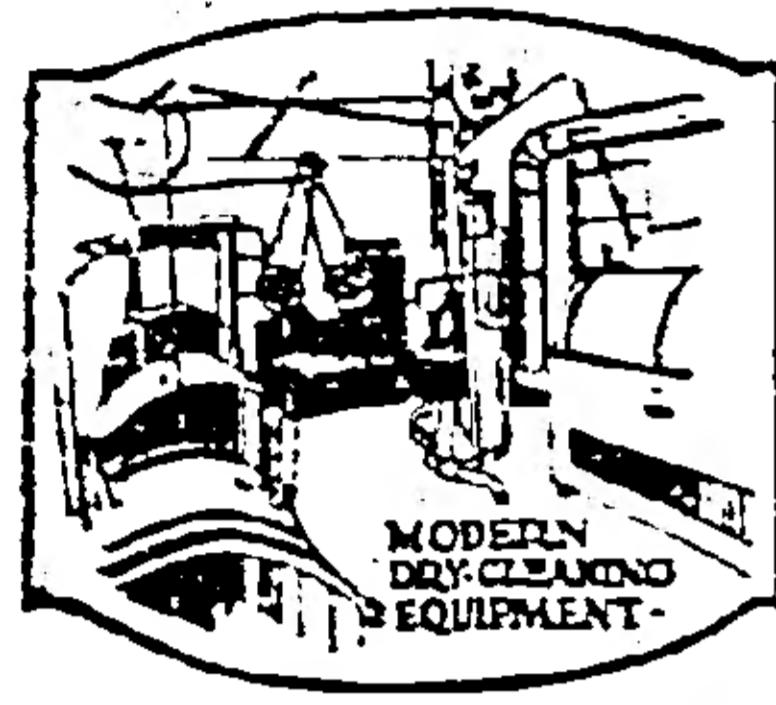
The great thing is to keep cool. Close the petrol tap if possible, and, if the fire is obviously beyond control, save what you can of the car's contents and fittings if any.

NOTICE.



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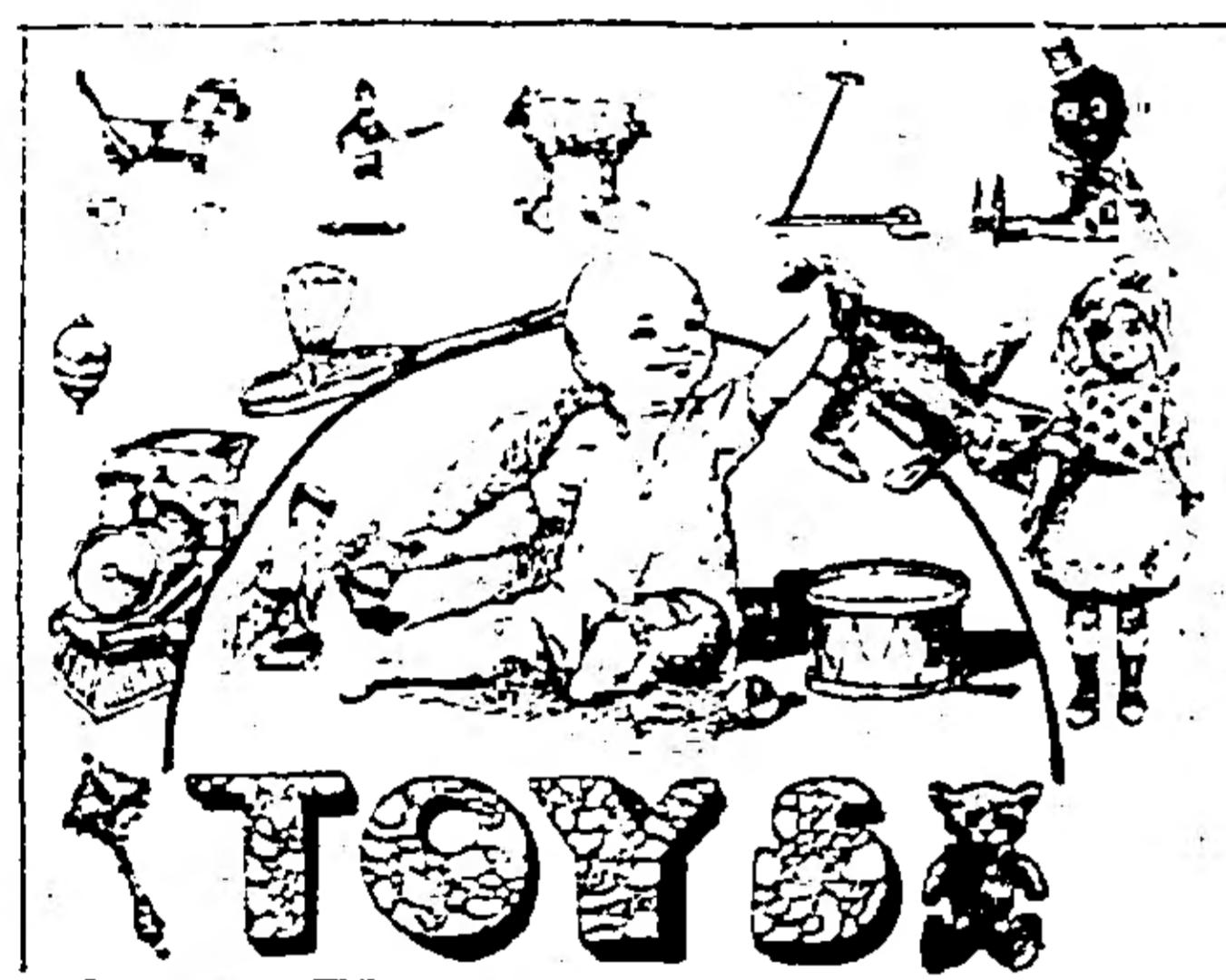


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(Our own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Dec. 21.—Although it is not confirmed officially, it is reported from authoritative sources that the Nippon Yusen Kai-sha is taking over control of the Tsing-Kien Kai-sha. This will involve the transfer of twenty freight and passenger steamers, totalling more than 100,000 tons.

The documents are being signed today at Tientsin.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.
Sir Claud Seven, chairman, presided at the annual general meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club last evening for the purpose of considering and passing the annual report and statement of accounts for 1922.

The Chairman, commenting on the belated meeting which should have been held in May, said that he returned to the Colony on the 15th November. An explanation was given, but the whole thing was still a mystery, and he hoped such delay would not occur in future. The Chairman also pointed out that the statement of accounts did not contain the Working Accounts for 1922, an omission which he regretted to find as it was desirable that members should know the details of the accounts of the year before they came to the meeting. Dealing with the report Sir Claud Seven stated that the various sub-Committees had done their work satisfactorily and he wished to thank them all. He wished to thank in particular the Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Witchell and Mr. Alves, also Mr. McKinley who acted as Secretary during 1922. He noticed that there had been a considerable increase in the number of members in 1923, and perhaps some day they would have to fix the limit. However, that was a matter for the Committee.

The meeting stood during the announcement of the death of the following members since the last annual gathering: Messrs. R. E. Bellis, R. A. Gubbay, H. M. Silva, A. Neill, T. O. Wilkinson and A. Ducommun. The Chairman said that the death of the first named was particularly keenly regretted as the late Mr. Bellis had been a generous benefactor of the Club in many things including the hall which had given considerable benefit to the social life of the V. R. C.

Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. W. Logan the report and accounts were unanimously passed.

A motion proposed by the Chairman that the working accounts for 1922 be printed, with figures for 1921 for comparison purposes, and circulated to members was adopted. An amendment introduced by Mr. Logan that the working accounts be printed and posted in the Club for the perusal of members was defeated.

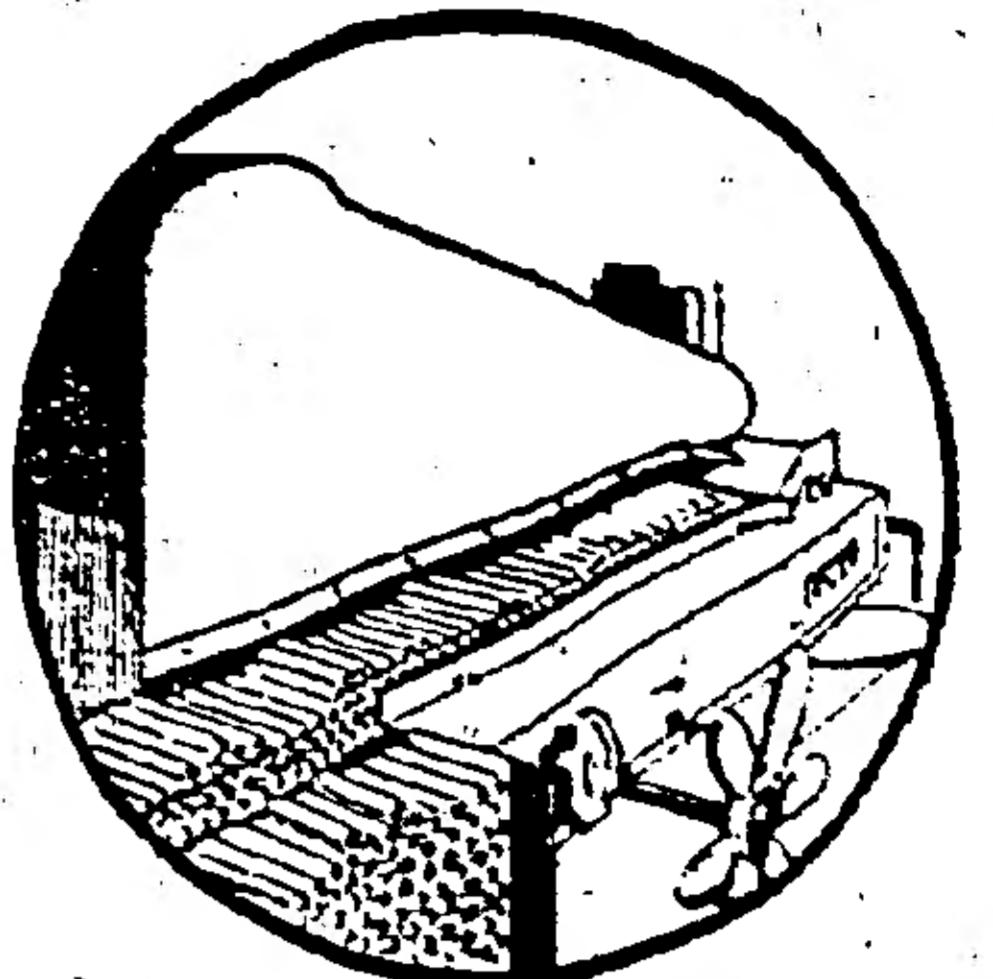
In regard to the omission of the working accounts and, incidentally, the delay in holding the meeting, Mr. Alves, the Treasurer, explained that owing to illness he was unable to do the work until June. The books were submitted to the auditors and the auditing was not completed until some time in November.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Sir Claud Seven, Chairman; Mr. R. C. Witchell, Secretary; Mr. A. E. S. Alves, Treasurer.

General Committee: Messrs. A. Alves, W. Logan, A. McKinley, T. Stewart, A. Silva-Netto, G. Sewell, J. Lyon, P. W. Ramsay and the Rev. T. W. Waldegrave.

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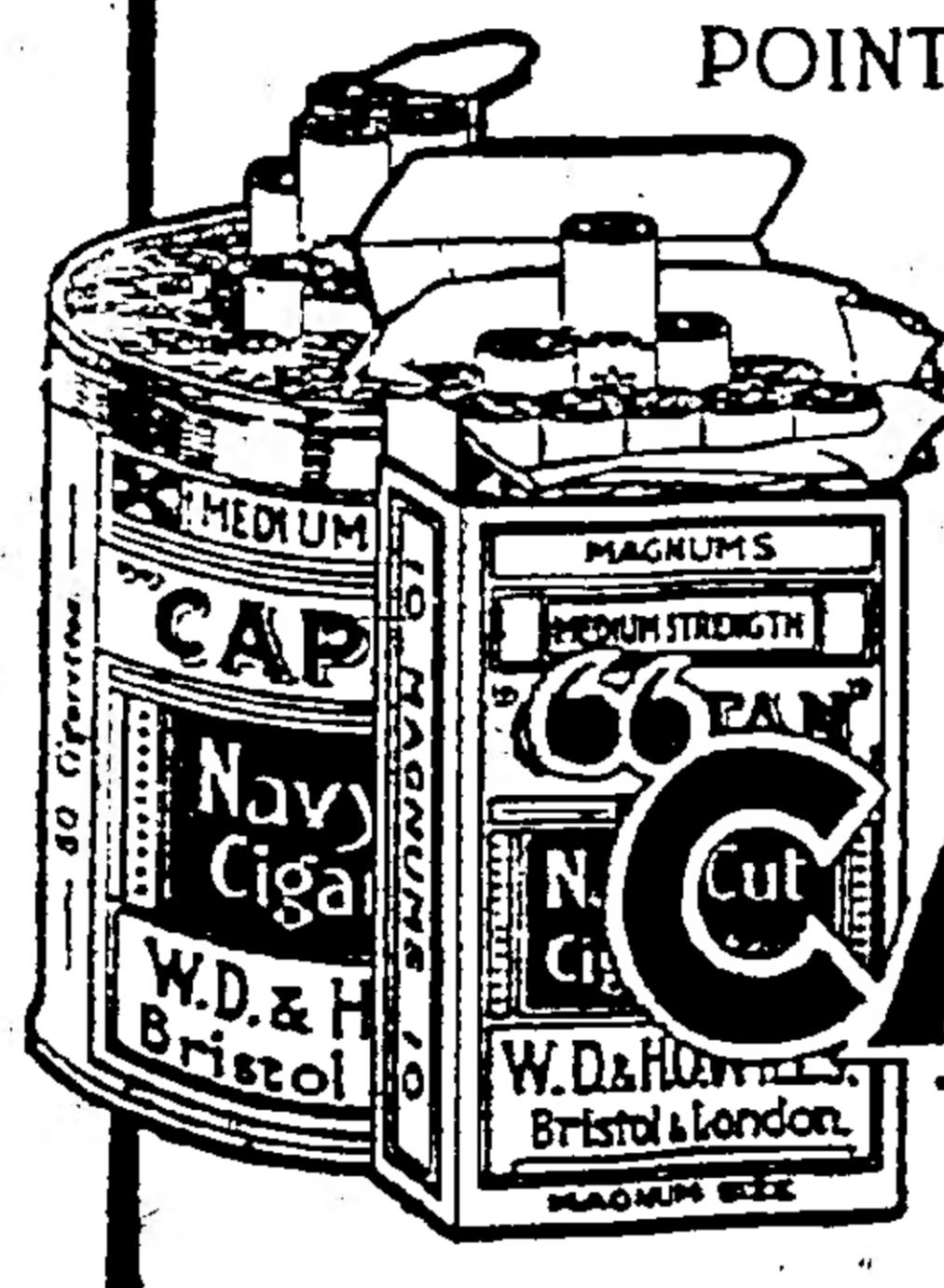
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 2.)

THE CHESTER CONCESSION.

New York, Dec. 21.—Mr. H. G. Knowles, counsel to the Ottoman Development Company, has denied that the Turkish Government has annulled the Chester concession, but said that a new company has been formed in London with a capital of five millions sterling to finance the construction of the Samson-Sivas railway, which his company had decided not to take over. Ultimately the whole concession might pass into the hands of this company if his company is unable to raise the necessary capital in the United States.—Reuter's American Service.

FINANCING OF TRADE.

New York, Dec. 21.—The Times states that bankers estimate that German holdings in the United States amount approximately to 200 million dollars in cash or its equivalent invested in Liberty Bonds and Treasury certificates, Bankers' acceptances, etc., which could be used as a basis for financing from one to two billion dollars worth of trade.—Reuter's American Service.



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THE MEXICAN REVOLT.

New York, Dec. 21.—It is officially reported from Mexico City that the Federals have captured Zacoalco.

From Vera Cruz it is reported that General Sanchez, commanding the rebel land forces, has gone to Esperanza to confer with the other rebel leaders and devise a plan for terminating the conflict.—Reuter's American Service.

HIGHER PAY FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS.

Paris, Oct. 21.—The Government has received a check at the hands of the Chamber, which by 251 votes to 200 referred a Bill for increase of payment to public servants owing to the higher cost of living to a Committee for further consideration. The Government had proposed that the increase be 263 millions francs whereas the Socialists demanded 1,160 millions.—Reuter.

THE MEXICAN EARTHQUAKE.

Douglas, Arizona, Dec. 21.—Reports have been received that an earthquake at nine o'clock last night destroyed the townships of Granadas, Huasbas and Opto is the State of Sonora, Mexico, killing and injuring many.—Reuter's American Service.

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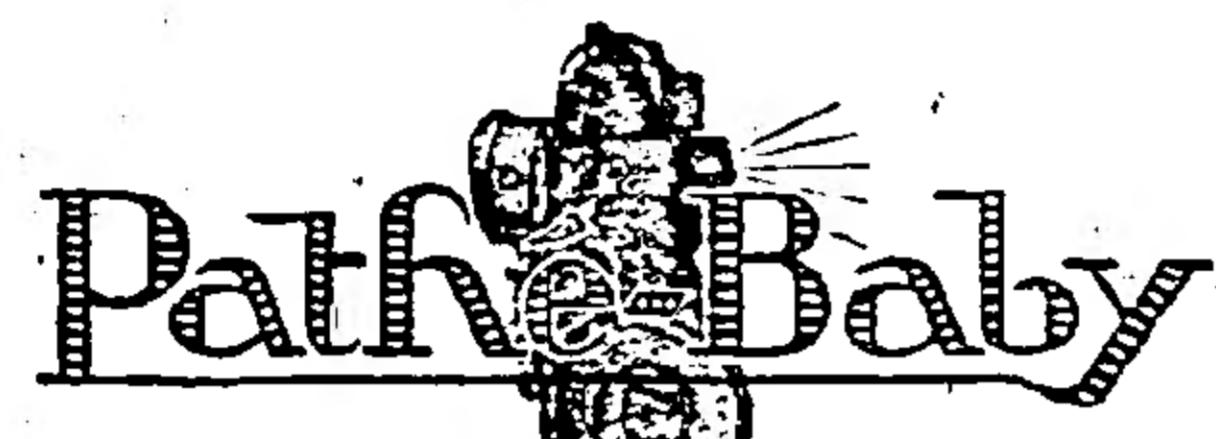
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After the inspection the city WOMAN PERFORMS MARRIAGE CEREMONY.

At Chence, near Liege, the figures must come down, they agreed. Enforcement of the verdict was left to the City Attorney.

Alder street in the neighbourhood of the building bearing the figures is always populous, but to-day extra traffic officers were stationed there to keep the crowds moving.

RADIO NOTES AND NEWS.

AMERICAN BROADCASTING CONDITIONS.

When broadcasting in America is mentioned it quite frequently leads to a statement that interference is very much more troublesome in that country than in Great Britain. Mr. W.S. Stephenson, the managing director of the General Radio Company, Ltd., who has just returned to England from an extended tour of the United States and Canada, during which he travelled over 12,000 miles studying conditions in the wireless market in those countries, is of the opinion that this interference trouble in America has been very greatly exaggerated. There has certainly been a marked improvement recently, and he puts the improvement down to the new regulations which were issued by the Department of Commerce on May 15th, 1923.

The Department of commerce of the United States has reduced interference by a systematic allocation of wave-lengths, territories, and transmission times. All broadcasting stations are divided into three main classes: A, class B, and Class C.

In Class A are all the stations whose transmitting power is limited to 500 watts, and it is in this class that the majority of the amateur and experimental stations are graded. Such stations usually transmit matter of purely local interest, and they are given the lowest band of wave-lengths on which to transmit. This wave-length band is from 222 to 300 metres, and the stations are so grouped geographically that the transmissions of one station sending on, let us say, 250 metres, will not affect the transmission of another station sending on the same wave-length, because such stations are so distant from each other that it is improbable that both would be received on the same instrument sufficiently strongly to cause jamming or else they have a different time of transmission allotted to them. Thus station X (250 metres) transmits from 10-11 a.m. and does not interfere with station Y (250 metres) 50 miles away transmitting at 12-1 p.m., nor does it interfere with station Z (250 metres) 200 miles away broadcasting between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. It will be seen that carefully following out the above system, it is highly improbable that transmissions would seriously interfere with each other.

Class B consists of stations of 500-1,000 watts power. The wave-length band allotted to these stations is from 300-545 metres, and is thus below the 600 metres wave-length reserved for naval and ship stations. Bearing in mind the wave-length tolerance (10,000 cycles), it is possible following the system outlined above, to have 40-high powered city stations broadcasting simultaneously without mutual interference, except that caused by a high-powered commercial station very close at hand. Where there are a greater number of transmitting stations in one "district" than there are wave-lengths available, stations with similar wave-lengths which have the same transmitting time allotted them, mutually arrange their transmission to suit each other's convenience.

Class C consists of those stations transmitting on the 360 metre wave-length, which was the standard broadcasting wave-length prior to the introduction of the new regulations and which, for reasons of their own, desired to maintain their transmission on the old wave-length. These stations are controlled only by the time allocation and geographical position. Until a number of these stations cease functioning it is not intended to place any further stations in this class.

As there are over 700 stations broadcasting concerts, speeches, plus a certain amount of advertising matter, it can be understood that under the old regime there was interference. The result of the new regulations have proved surprisingly satisfactory, and show how by careful application of a good common-sense system it is possible to avoid interference in broadcasting.

The American broadcasting stations are not generally so well designed or appointed as our own, although they appear to be more particular over the regulation of their wave-length. The B.B.C. stations, however, have shown a marked improvement in the matter of regulation of the wave-length since last winter.

The receiving apparatus generally favoured in the United

States and Canada is a complete one, or three, valve set built by a reputable maker. It usually incorporates regeneration on the aerial circuit and therefore it is capable of re-radiation. There is an under-current of public opinion striving to eliminate this and substitute radio-frequency amplification as used by the best British manufacturers such as Marconi, General Electric Co., Elwell's, Burndep's, and the General Radio Company, Ltd.

In general the American manufacturer is surprised at the very rapid advance made in design and efficiency by the British manufacturers, and readily admits that sets such as those manufactured by the above mentioned firms are as efficient as their own manufacturers and in certain respects surpass them in finish as well as in freedom from re-radiation.

After a careful comparison of broadcasting conditions in America and at home the conclusion is that, although American manufacturers have had considerably more experience and, to a certain extent, more public support than have our own, still, the British listeners have a broadcasting service equal and in many respects superior to their American neighbours and at the same time they have at their disposal receiving apparatus which is particularly suitable for the conditions ruling in Great Britain, which after twelve months of broadcasting is very satisfactory and should encourage those who have not yet a personal interest in broadcasting.

WIRELESS IN HOLLAND.

A series of some very interesting experiments has been carried out lately from the well-known station P.C.G.G. the Hague, conducted by the director of the Dutch Radio Industry, assisted by the members of the Broadcasting Committee of the Nederlandse Vereeniging voor Radio Telegrafie (Dutch Society for Radio Telegraphy).

These experiments were meant to discover a means by which any public or private hall, or house, might be connected to the studio of the sending station without the laying of a special cable, as is necessary when operate are being broadcast from 2.L.O. The ordinary telephone apparatus and telephone line are used, and in future it will be only necessary to get a through connection to the telephone in the broadcasting station, whence the spoken word or music will be broadcast all over Holland, and will be easily audible in England.

Along these lines a few weeks ago a special concert was broadcast from the Kurhaus, in Scheveningen, on the occasion of the gala evening when H.M. the Queen of the Netherlands and several well-known people were present. An orchestra was playing, and vocal and instrumental music was given in the Kurhaus, and by the system mentioned above this was broadcast from the P.C.G.G. station. However, due to some special points which had to be observed, as, for example, that the microphones had to be mounted invisibly, this performance was not a great success.

During the speeches, for instance, the microphones were behind the speakers, which is not very good position, of course.

The result was that, while the orchestra was loud and quite clear, and also the voice of the announcer, who had a special microphone, the voices of the speakers were absolutely drowned in the flowers concealing the microphones; and moreover, a terrific thunderstorm made listening-in not a pleasure at all if not dangerous, and many amateurs, not provided with suitable lightning protectors, thought it better to close down.

Dutch amateurs occupy a much more favourable position than their English colleagues, with no legal restrictions for receiving sets, no special licences to be paid for, no restrictions re aerial length, etc. Every-body wishing to install a receiving set can safely do so in the manner preferred.

The only thing necessary is to fill up a printed form, issued free of charge by the Post and Telegraph Department, giving the name and address of the owner, a description of the situation of the apparatus, and involving a paragraph to the effect that it must be stated whether or not valves or other apparatus are being used, which may cause interference.

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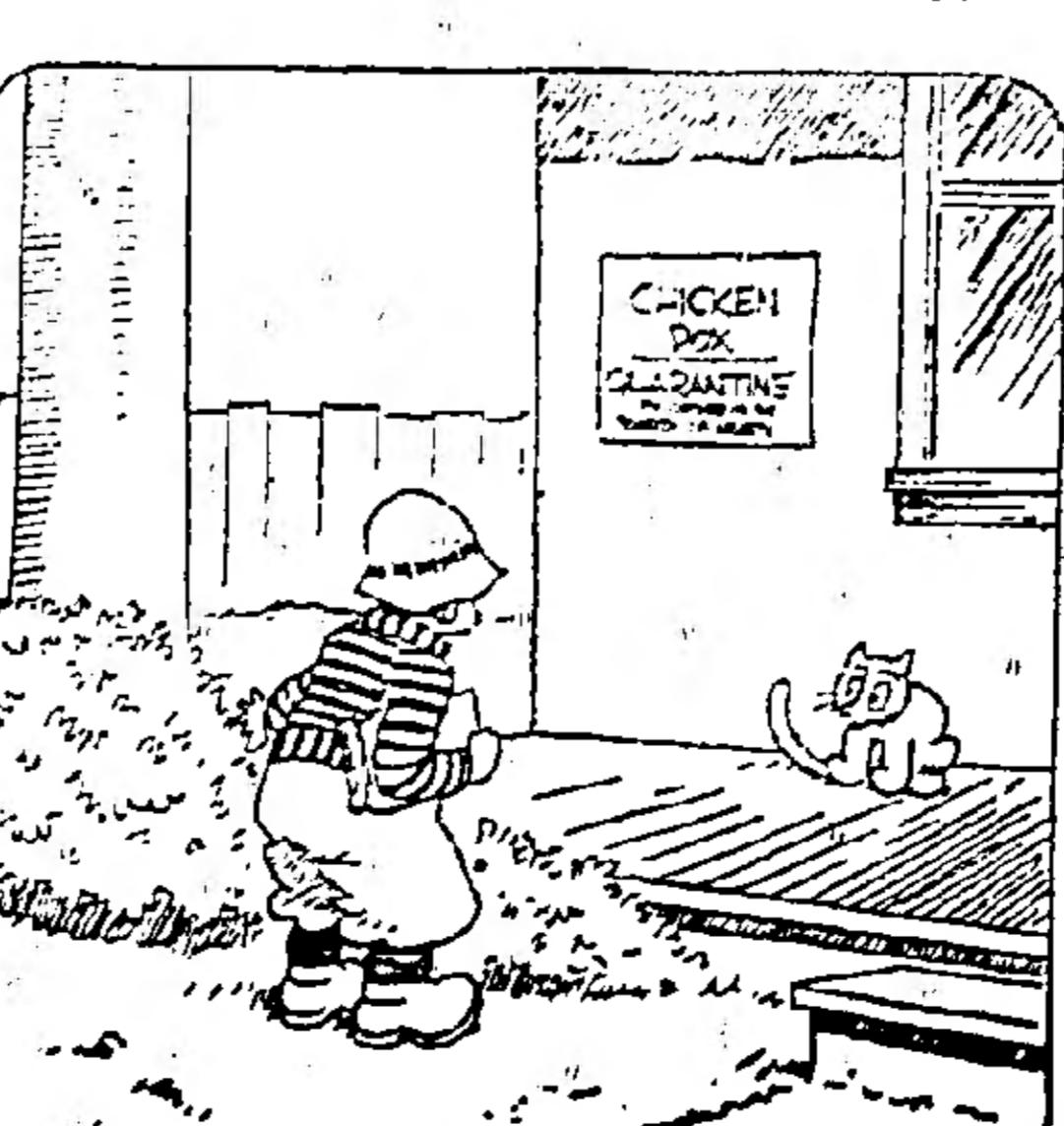
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It shows the composer in a new vein, bubbling over with fun and satire, holding up to ridicule discordant relatives waiting impatiently to step into dead man's shoes. The action takes place in the death-chamber of a wealthy Florentine.

The old man has died and left his property to the Church. The relatives gathered round the bedside, discuss their dilemma, and finally obtain a clever rogue to impersonate the dead man and dictate a new will to a notary. He does so—and "leaves" the bulk of the money to himself!

FASHIONS IN HAIR:
Miss Jose Collins was doubtless an appropriate opener of the Hair-dressing Exhibition at Holland Park Hall, recently. Such affairs must have more interest for women than men. But on this occasion a stern attempt was made to show masculine youth that more ways exist of doing one's hair than they had dreamt of. One or two rather elaborate "confections" were offered to their inspection. More daring was the effort to persuade them that mutton-chop whiskers might, with a little encouragement, come in again.

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COUNCIL MATTERS.

Two Ordinances of particular interest to the Colony have just been passed by the Legislative Council, one relating to opium and designed to prevent the smuggling of the drug and reduce the traffic in it) and the other imposing drastic penalties for persons landing here without proper certificates of identity. We have already published the outspoken comments made by H.E. the Governor on the subject of opium smuggling, and we think the Colony should congratulate itself on its possession of an administrator who will speak his mind in such fashion when he deems it necessary.

There possibly are some ship-owners who are not too particular about the question of opium on their ships—taking it for granted that the authorities concerned will discover the culprits. Well, it is now established by law that ship-owners and their agents, and the master of a ship, shall be liable to a fine in the event of contraband opium being found on the vessel, unless absolute proof is forthcoming that none of the officers or crew, or officers' servants, be implicated. On the face of it, that is a harsh ruling, but it has no doubt been found necessary. As we read it, the clause is designed to stimulate the shipping companies and their agents to impress on the ship's complement the necessity for themselves ascertaining whether opium is aboard before sailing. No doubt the measure will operate fairly, as if it can be proved that every possible means of prevention was adopted, a Magistrate will not be likely to commit the owners or master to a fine. The Government's main reason for the law seems to be that grave offences required drastic measures.

The police stated that on a search made of the boat, as it came in yesterday, the defendant was discovered in the act of taking a parcel from the storeroom. It contained the drug above mentioned.

the world-being what it is, we must accept the rules and regulations as part of the burdens of our time. We can only hope that the barrage of visas, inspections, and so forth will not restrict travelling. It must not be forgotten that no passports or visas are given free, and therefore we shall all be doing our bit towards helping to swell the revenues of hard-pressed Governments.

Mischief-Makers.

Hongkong, unhappily, provides a convenient meeting-place for all manner of Chinese agitators. At the present moment, there are many such in our midst, and they are busying themselves over this question of the Customs dispute. As we reported yesterday, a local Chinese organisation has begun to distribute leaflets of a decidedly anti-foreign character, in which the Powers are painted as oppressors of the Chinese, and insulting allegations are made against Britain and America in particular. A boycott is urged, amongst other things. Circulars of similar character, we read, are being displayed in Canton as well, so it would appear that the mischief-makers have begun their campaign of evil. What happens in Canton, of course, is no concern of ours, but we can, and do, strongly protest against this Colony being made a base in agitations of this character. Hongkong, as a Colony, has nothing whatever to do with this Customs dispute, which involves questions of foreign policy, in the direction of which the local Government has no part. We have been assured by Dr. Sun's most prominent supporters that Canton's official relations with Hongkong are most cordial. That being the case, we can surely look to the Canton authorities to warn the Chinese there against doing anything which might possibly endanger the existing friendship. Equally, it is the duty of our own Government to track down and suitably punish those who are inciting others to perform acts which are subversive of law and order.

Street Dangers.

During the carrying out of the road improvements now being proceeded with at the top of Pedder's Street and along Queen's Road, it is to be hoped that drivers of motor vehicles will assist the traffic officers in preserving the safety of the public. With no pavement for pedestrians on the new A.P.C. corner, and with more than one half of the roadway fenced off, the spot now becomes a potentially dangerous one, calling for the caution of all. Yesterday afternoon we were pleased to see two traffic officers on duty doing their best to regulate and safeguard the traffic. Pedestrians can help, also, if they will keep to the pavements wherever possible. It is to be hoped that the Public Works Department will push on the work of reconstructing this road as fast as possible and so get the phase of transition a dangerous phase over during the forthcoming holidays. We were extremely pleased to learn yesterday that the idea of putting steps at the bottom of Wyndham Street had been abandoned, because steps are always dangerous and would, moreover, tend to make a neglected side street of what is now one of the most valuable thoroughfares in the Colony.

SEAMAN SENTENCED.**FOR DRUG POSSESSION.**

Mathieu Biaschi, a seaman of the M.M. Andre Lebon, came before Mr. N. L. Smith, at the Police Court this morning, charged with being in possession of 35 ounces of heroin, and was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

The police stated that on a search made of the boat, as it came in yesterday, the defendant was discovered in the act of taking a parcel from the storeroom. It contained the drug above mentioned.

OIL STORAGE AND EVAPORATION.

The evaporation of oil from storage tanks, in the tests of the U.S. Bureau of Mines, was 1 to 1½ per cent. less when the tanks were painted white than when painted red and 2½ per cent. less than when painted black. The loss was lowest with tinplate and aluminum paint, but as neither is durable for outside work, the search for a satisfactory oil-saving paint continues.

DAY BY DAY.

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The Gazette contains a list of General and Public Holidays for 1924.

Kowloon Inland Lot: 1885, containing 38,740 square feet, is to be auctioned on January 7th. The upset price is \$27,118.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Robert Hunter temporarily to act as Assistant Government Marine Surveyor.

It is ordered that the provisions of the Rent Ordinance, 1922, shall not apply in the case of No. 7, Gordon Terrace, Kowloon.

It is notified that His Excellency the Governor in Council has appointed Wednesday, 2nd January, 1924, to be observed as a General Holiday.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Sapper Fraser Syme Thomson to be Second Lieutenant in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corp.

His Excellency the Governor has, under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, recognised Mr. Antonio Luis Alves as Vice-Consul for Brazil in Hongkong.

Mrs. Grace forwards to us an expression of cordial thanks, on behalf of the Naval and Dockyard branch of the M.C.L., to all who helped to make the fancy dress ball such a success.

A financial statement in the Gazette for the first nine months of the year shows a credit balance of \$15,446,925 at the end of September, as compared with \$16,350,000 at the end of August.

At a meeting of the Hongkong Amateur Photographic Society, presided over Dr. Woodman, on Wednesday, a most interesting programme of meetings and lectures was adopted for the coming year.

It is notified that, at the expiration of three months, the Ol Kwan Knitting and Weaving Company Limited will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the register and the Company will be dissolved.

The international walking match at Shanghai on December 16th was won by Mr. N. Webb, a former London to Brighton pedestrian, whose time for the distance of just under 17 miles was 2 hrs. 36 mins. 39 secs.

We have received from Messrs. Mackintosh and Co., the men's wear specialists, a neat little desk calendar for the coming year. The B. A. T. Company has also issued a charming wall calendar, bearing artistic coloured studies, advertising the well-known Three Castles cigarettes.

Attempting to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a knife, a Chinese living at the Kwong Tai Loy boarding house succeeded only in inflicting a deep non-fatal cut. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday. The view is expressed that he is insane.

The offices of the Supreme Court will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Christmas Vacation, except on Public and General Holidays, when the offices will be entirely closed, and on Saturdays, when they will be open from 10 a.m. to noon. The Christmas Vacation will commence on the 24th instant and terminate on January 1st, 1924, (both days inclusive).

OIL STORAGE AND EVAPORATION.

The evaporation of oil from storage tanks, in the tests of the U.S. Bureau of Mines, was 1 to 1½ per cent. less when the tanks were painted white than when painted red and 2½ per cent. less than when painted black. The loss was lowest with tinplate and aluminum paint, but as neither is durable for outside work, the search for a satisfactory oil-saving paint continues.

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Bulls and Inners**From the Office Butts.**

In view of recent captures, we wish to state that there is no truth in the story that the Colonial Secretariat will take over control of our Criminal Investigation Department.

Now that it's settled that Christmas is coming, everybody seems as surprised as usual.

Lots of men in Hongkong haven't yet paid for the Christmas presents they bought last year.

If you want to learn how to fight, go around Hongkong saying exactly what you think.

It's estimated that the hand-shaking done in the General Election at Home would pump enough water to last the whole population till the next one.

Come to think of it, the grown-ups seem to get most fun out of the Ministering Children's League.

During the past week several people have been admitted into the Lunatic Asylum. Their obsession is searching for imaginary raffle tickets.

One in particular also devotes most part of each day to sacking an equally imaginary chauffeur.

Hongkong robbers are carrying off lots of furs. This is regarded as a sign of hard winter.

During the past week it's reckoned that ten thousand Christmas presents have been bought in Hongkong—some paid for.

Dr. Sun has told the Americans about the guns trained on the unfortified city of Canton. He forgot, however, to mention the fact that last year he actually did bombard that same city.

The news poster which intimated a missing man had disappeared left nothing to chance.

A picture recently sold in Peking as 1,000 years old won't be for another 999 years.

Just now Dr. Sun doesn't need to go to a fortune-teller to learn his past, present and future.

A rope is 10 per cent. stronger when wet, which may account for the taste of some of these Christmas cigars.

People with heavy bills will learn with regret that a local compadre has sprained his ankle.

Get something for the home this festive season. A hammer for cracking nuts and shroffs is useful.

A new substitute for coffee has been invented. We know a place where it has been used for years.

With only a few more days of 1923 to run, the scores show that the landlords have won.

About the only thing in favour of a gramophone is that you need not press it to play.

For Christmas we're going to give the telephone girl a nice little booklet containing a dozen silver-plated wrong numbers.

A retaliatory problem: Whether to buy the youngster a trumpet or a drum to offset the noise of the turkey next door.

One of the most revolting things about this Mexican Revolt is the Mexican.

Things we want to know is Insulin cockroach-proof.

It appears that the sale of Siberian fur is falling off. Too many silver fish on the ob, we presume.

Another European Crown has slipped. Ah, there, we knew you would say it!

A London man has got into trouble marrying two wives. We know some Hongkong men who get into trouble marrying only one.

Another type of low-powered aeroplane has been invented. It's almost as safe as drinking carbolic acid.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

PERMANENT SECRETARY: PROPOSED EXTENSIONS.

The annual meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club was held yesterday evening in the board-room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen (president of the Club) being in the chair, there being a large attendance of members.

In the course of his speech the president referred to the satisfactory state of the accounts, with an excess of income over expenditure of \$17,064.38 for the year under review, an increase of \$4,602.58 over the previous twelve months. It had been the endeavour of the committee during the year to run the Club as economically as possible, consistent with maintaining its position as one of the largest and most important sporting clubs in the Colony. Mr. Stephen referred to improvements in lodging facilities at Fanling, expressing the hope that there would be "full houses" most week-ends.

Touching the Fanling course, the president referred to the work done there on the old course during the summer under Mr. Kerr's supervision, and the comprehensive bunkering scheme of Messrs. Greenhill, Adamson and Peel, to whom their hearty thanks were due. Dwelling briefly on the Interport matches, and Mr. Brayfield's work in the plant and machinery department, Mr. Stephen passed on to the damage done to the course at Happy Valley by the August rains and consequent bursting of the Racecourse nullah. The efforts of Mr. Crawford Morgan to put the place into shape for the August bank holiday had been nullified. The P.W.D. were now clearing away the mud and sand.

Turning to Deepwater Bay, the president remarked that the limited nature of the course there meant unavoidable congestion at times; but owing to the situation of the course very slight extension was possible, and that only at an expenditure out of all proportion to any advantage they would get.

AN APPOINTMENT.

The report and accounts having been passed, Mr. Stephen referred to the proposal to engage a permanent secretary. The Club had grown considerably during the past few years, and the time had come when they should have a man to devote his whole time to the interests of the Club. The committee therefore recommended the appointment of a permanent secretary as soon as possible; also that Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming continue to act as treasurers. The additional annual cost would be about \$7,000.

The committee also recommended improvements and extensions to the Deepwater Bay clubhouse. Mr. Stephen outlined these suggestions, sketch plans of which had been prepared by Mr. C. M. Young. There was to be another storey and larger servants' quarters. The estimated cost was \$22,500, and the suggestion was that \$19,000 now in War Loan could be realised to provide part of the necessary sum.

Next, there was the question of extending Fanling course, making the new course an 18-hole one. The necessary land would cost them about \$10,000. Members' views were invited.

After some discussion, the suggestion as to a permanent secretary was put to the meeting and carried unanimously. It was also unanimously decided to extend the clubhouse at Deepwater Bay.

There were several opinions expressed on the subject at the proposed Fanling extension, and eventually the meeting passed, by a small majority, a motion to purchase the additional land required. In view of the fact that many members were absent from the meeting, it was decided to circulate all members on the subject. A question left to the incoming committee was the proper training of caddies.

The Hon. Mr. Stephen was re-elected president of the Club with acclamation, and Mr. J. B. Ross was elected Captain for the ensuing year. The following were elected to serve on the Committee: Messrs. A. B. Stewart, A. K. Henderson, L. S. Greenhill, J. W. Franks, J. D. Kinnaird, H. U. Ireland, A. H. Ferguson, W. E. Roberts and C. A. Peel.

Mr. C. Bernard Brown was re-elected auditor.

A vote of thanks to the outgoing Committee concluded the meeting.

LOCAL WEDDINGS.

MAJOR CRUCKSHANK MARRIED.

A wedding of considerable local interest took place at St. John's Cathedral this morning, the contracting parties being Major Arthur Ludlam Cruckshank, D.S.O., of the Royal Artillery, and Miss Isabel Maude Garden, younger daughter of the late Mr. F. A. Garden and of Mrs. Garden, of Troop, Banffshire, Scotland. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. J. Northcott, C.F.

The bride was given away by Lieut.-Col. W. O. S. Sanders, D.S.O., R.A., whilst Major P. Rashleigh, D.S.O., R.A., was "best man." The bridesmaid was Miss Butterworth.

Subsequent to the ceremony, a reception was held at the R. A. Mess, on Bowen Road.

LEES-CURTIS.

A pretty and interesting wedding was solemnized at the Rosary Church, Kowloon, yesterday, by the Rev. Father Spada, the contracting parties being Mr. Egbert Anthony Lee, son of the late Mr. J. E. Lee, J.P., M.B.C.M., of Bury, England, and Miss Dorothea Emily Curtis daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vaughan Curtis of Hongkong.

The wedding was very quiet, and no invitations were issued. The bride, who looked charming, was given away by her brother, Mr. Walter Curtis. The duties of "best man" were carried out by Mr. Alan C. Wilcox.

The happy couple later left for Macao, where the honeymoon is being spent.

Mr. Lee, who is at present with the Union Insurance Society of Canton, has resided in the Colony for many years, having been an officer with the 222 Punjabis, during the time they were stationed here.

GARDEN FETE.

TO-DAY AT KOWLOON.

To-day from 2.30 to 8 p.m. the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will hold a Garden Fete on the old Wigwam, Tennis Club ground, Mody Road, Kowloon. There will be several stalls at which a large number of toys, remaining over from the Bazaar, will be sold (not raffled) at clearance prices. Several entertaining and amusing side-shows have also been arranged. An interesting "draw" will be the Surprise Cake, on which, at so much a slice, you may try your luck for gold and silver coins, articles of jewellery, etc.

The band of H. M. S. Hawkins will render selections of music from 3.30 to 7 p.m. Visitors will be able to have tea at the Tea Room, which will be run on Cafeteria lines.

The Public Works Department is very kindly lending flags for decorative purposes. The China Light and Power Co. is generously providing the lighting free of charge, and after dusk the grounds will be brilliantly illuminated.

To-day's Garden Fete will conclude the annual December effort of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for the raising of funds to provide during the coming year for the poor under the Society's charge.

A PUZZLE A DAY.

1. O
2. GO
3. AGO
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
7. DRAGOON

This is a puzzle in word-building. Starting with the word "O," in step 1, a new word may be formed by adding another letter. Step 2 shows how either "GO" or "OR" may be formed. In step 3 we can make either "AGO" or "OAR." The problem is to fill steps 4, 5 and 6, so that by adding one letter to step 6 the word "DRAGOON" will be obtained. Using the letters in the word "DRAGOON," you can form the preliminary steps any way you want: A, AN, AND; or O, ON, NOD, could make up the first three steps. As long as each step from 1 to 6 contains a bona-fide word, your answer will be correct.

Yesterday's answer: The man received 15 two-cent stamps (30c); five times as many ones (75 for 75c); and the rest (four) in fives (20c), which fills the conditions of the problem and makes a total of \$1.25 spent for stamps.

HONGKONG IMPORTS.

CANTON UNREST AFFECTS BUSINESS.

The fortnightly Price Current and Market Report, published by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, states:

Cotton piece goods and fancy cotton goods.—Since our last report the market has ruled dull and uninteresting generally. Local values are maintained and show improvement in certain directions. Clearances are poor.

Cotton yarn.—There have been no sales and quotations are unchanged.

Yarn.—During the interval our market has ruled quiet. No business of any importance has taken place, but dealers were parting with their holdings at a reduced price of \$5.10 per bale.

The situation in Canton is getting from bad to worse and this is having a serious effect on our market. Quotations are purely nominal.

Quotations are:—No. 10s, \$2.25-2.35. No. 12s, \$2.30-2.45. No. 16s, \$2.40-2.50. No. 20s, \$2.25-2.35. Arrivals nil. Shipments nil. Unsold 10,000 bales. Bargain-3,000 bales.

Woollens.—The market is again very dull and clearances are poor.

Raw Cotton.—There are no sales to report and quotations are purely nominal as follows:—Indian descriptions at \$43.50. Chinese staple at \$55.50.

Metal.—Market quiet. Very little doing owing to uneasiness concerning the situation in Canton.

Fruit market report. Stock: 450,000. Market quiet. Quotations: American Patent \$3.69 per sack; American Straight \$2.90 per sack; American No. 1 ... \$2.90 per sack.

Window glass.—Market continues to be strong both here and in the sources of supply.

COMING TO FAR EAST.

A distinguished Ceylon musician, Miss Evelyn Jansz who has during the past three years been away in Europe, where she was busy with her musical work has come out to Ceylon en route to India and the Far East on an extended musical tour. Miss Jansz, who received her musical education in Germany, gave an excellent series of piano forte recitals and lectures in 1920 in Ceylon. She concluded a successful tour in Germany at Leipzig in September last; and then started on her Eastern itinerary.

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POLICE BALL.

AN ENJOYABLE FUNCTION.

The annual Ball of the Police Force was held at the City Hall last night, when between 300 and 400 people participated. A simple scheme of decoration was worked out with tasteful effect, comprising streamers festooned from a central pole. Ferns decorated each side of the main staircase at the top of which was the badge of the Force, set off with bunches of streamers. Dancing took place in the two ball-rooms, whilst a card room was also provided for those who sought other forms of sociability. A raised dais in the supper room was installed for the chief guests of the evening. His Excellency the Governor and party.

The guests included H. E. the Governor and Lady Stubbs, the Captain Superintendent of Police (Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe) and Mrs. Wolfe, the Superintendents of the Force and their wives; the following present and past magistrates: Mr. J. P. Wood, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Mr. N. L. Smith, Mr. C. A. Melbourne, and Mr. R. E. Lindsell. There were also present Mr. J. W. Franks and the following doctors from the Government Civil Hospital: Dr. McKenny, Dr. Moore, Dr. Ester and a number of sisters from the same institution. Music for the dancing was supplied by the band of the Hongkong Hotel.

AUTOMATIC SEAMANSHIP.

A TASTY DISH.

One is hearing a lot about automatic seamanship these days, first of all with the discussion as to the merits and demerits of directional wireless, and secondly with a big liner like the President Adams steaming right across the Atlantic automatically steered in connection with the Sperry gyroscopic compass. Not only did she steer a remarkably straight and economical course in mid-ocean but, with the pilot standing by to see that nothing went wrong, it proved itself wonderfully effective in the lower reaches of the Thames, and considering how much coal is wasted by bad helmsmanship the shipowners are willing to be distinctly interested in the invention. It, and the British inventions on the same lines, really appear to be quite practical and to fulfil their purpose excellently.

The M.C.'s were Messrs. W. Russell, J. Greig, W. Dier, and J. Mitchell. Mr. R. E. H. Marks was the president and Mr. C. E. Terry was hon. secretary.

The plants for the decoration of the Hall were lent by the Botanical Gardens and the flags by the Commander of H.M.S. Tamar.

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CAMERA NEWS.



The returned South China football team, photographed at Happy Valley on Saturday. (Photo: Ming Yuen.)



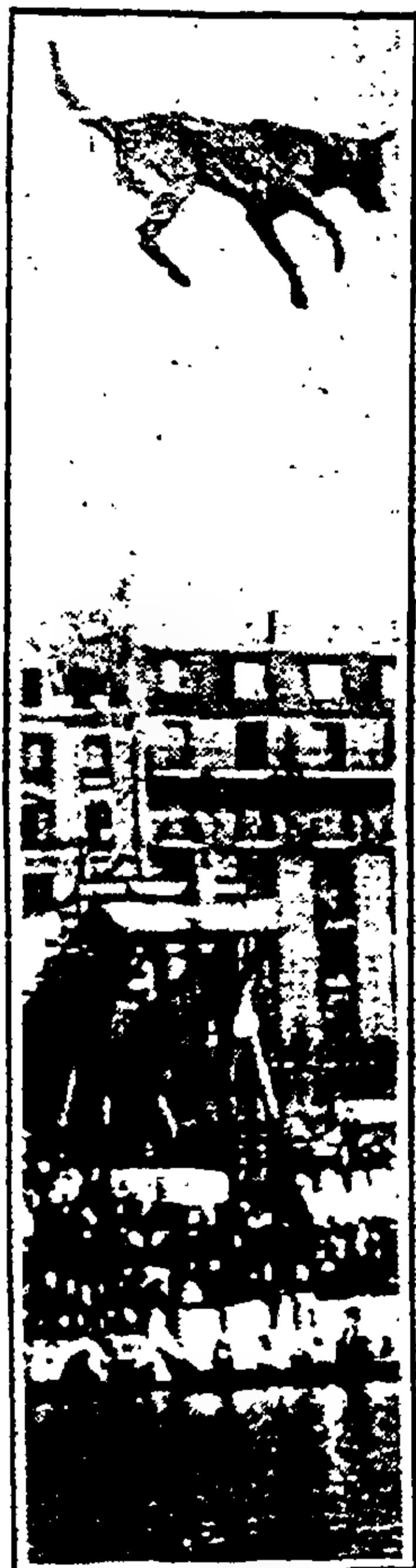
"The Rest" which succeeded in drawing with South China. (Photo: Ming Yuen.)



This group was taken at the inaugural meeting of the Shanghai Woollen Piece Goods Merchants' Association held recently at the Tung Yih Hui (Piece Goods Guild), over 500 persons representing the woollen piece good business of Shanghai being present.



Chinese Y.M.C.A. English Debating Class.



This shows the prize life-saving dog of Paris, making a great leap into the Seine.



The whaler crew of H.M.S. Despatch, winners of the Whaler Class, 1923 China Squadron Regatta. (Photo: Ah Hing.)



The Library of Nanking University, recently destroyed by fire.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS



A MILLINER'S NOTE-BOOK.

A NEW WAY WITH "UNDIES."

All milliners' mornings seem to be busy. Some stick right up in front like a mouth brush, and the glazed ostrich feather in two shades of colouring is employed as a head-dress for a morning dress. Then there is a "jacket" with feathers that are governed by the top and tail, the fluffy at the top and this looks original; and pretty whoopee bunches are arranged above the brim and open blossoms just over the jacket.

VERY SMART.



Many ladies are favouring a bonnet that is dark, back and sides being gentle in the way it rounds, and the back just a little to make a curve. Varnished ribbon to match the material of the dress, with a band of silver and green braid over, and a scattering past the person on the right side, is all that is needed to turn a shape on the head.

A new variety of hats is appearing and a good deal of them in here today, of different shapes and measurements, so the best advice is to try each one as it fits before buying.

A close-cut, 2-toned felt is another model that is made for everyday wear. It was first when trimmed with high wings of the felt lined with silk in a bright colour.

A NOVELTY BANGLE.

Have you seen the new perfume bracelet? It really is rather a fascinating piece of jewellery. To all appearances it is just an ordinary gold slave bangle, but there is a small catch on it, and when this is pressed back it sends out a tiny spray of perfume. The bangle holds a good supply of scent, and is easily refilled with perfume by means of a specially designed tray included in the price.

The bangle can be obtained in various sizes, so that it can be worn either on the wrist or above the elbow. One seen recently was fashioned of gold, but a cheaper bracelet is obtainable in rolled gold or in silver.

Some ladies are making up a new style of sleeveless dress, one of sheer cloth, which is cut in a bodice, with a belt and a full skirt.

White on white looks well. Likewise pink on dove, blue on pink, and black on white and all shades.

Beaded shoulder straps or narrow metal chains are preferred to ribbon shoulder straps for "undies" destined for evening wear, as they show so much less through a semi-transparent material. They are fixed with a patent clasp that fits into an eyelet hole worked in the chemise or petticoat, so that, if the dress is devoid of both shoulders and sleeves, these straps can be slipped off and the expanse of flesh be left quite bare.

An original nightgown model for women who prefer plain stately lines to complicated fluffy ones, is cut on Empire lines, save that there are no sleeves. The neck and wide-cut armholes are bound with thick silk cord that crosses in front so as to form the Empire line, passes to the back, again crosses, and finally ties at the side. A scrap of real silk in the low V decolletage in front. A scalloped hem adds a finish.

FASHION NOTES.

Envelope purses grow in size and are frequently a foot in length. Fancy monograms in gold or silver, or in brilliants, frequently adorn them.

The latest in handkerchiefs is a square of chintz or linen with stripes of black and white either forming the border or the whole design.

Very gorgeous scarfs for evening wear are of gold cloth richly embroidered with colourful stones, pearls or brilliants. They are at their best worn with the softest of evening frocks.

Attractive cuffs on a new velvet frock are of fur tied in bows with ends a few inches long that give a charming softness to a very plain, tight sleeve.

The newest sport suits have a lot leather trimming about the hem of the pockets and are frequently sold with leather hats to match.

A gorgeous evening cloak of hyacinth-blue velvet is timed with a pinkish orchid shade and bordered with skunk.

PRETTY READING LAMPS.

There are many delightful conceits in the form of reading lamps, of which the real object seems to be to deceive the eye as to their purpose.

The examination of a miniature orange tree in a little tub discloses that each orange holds in its silken interior an electric bulb, and bulbs are also found concealed amid the petals of a bunch of damask red roses in a vase, a beautiful tulip apparently growing in single twillines from a tiny pot, and the big floating blossoms in a flower bowl.

And if you like something still more unusual, a sizeable white cockatoo on his tall perch is made of silk painted to represent feathers, on a cleverly moulded wire frame, and contains electric light which diffuses a soft glow. A dainty lady of Versailles has a hooped skirt made entirely of mother-of-pearl-like shells. But a switch is touched, and the little lady's skirt is illuminated from within. She is another variation of the reading lamp.

LATEST MOLESKIN COAT.



Moleskin jacket with fox trimming.

LEATHER SATCHELS.

Nothing is smarter for winter use than the beautiful tooled and gilded leather pochettes, which are claiming the attention of smart women, who use them in place of the ordinary handbag.

Fur-edged moire silk bags mounted on to onyx frames decorated with marcasite jewel work, are other luxuries that are being made to match fur-trimmed dresses and walking suits, while bags made ofermine, nutria, or chinchilla, beautifully

THE STRAIGHTLINE.



The straight-line dress is the latest example of the tubelike silhouette. The other dress made with an extra waist to which the skirt is attached, shows a simple and graceful all-around. The straight-line square neckline and straight collar and shows a full skirt, especially well.

CHOOSING YOUR FURS.

Some Useful Advice.

Hudson seal is the name commonly given to muskrat, the best skins of which come from Canada and the northern states, states Mr. Israel Klein.

Similarly, other furs which are popular this year might be studied by the woman who plans buying a skin wrap or neckpiece. The information might help her in her choice.

FAVOURITE FURS.

The most favoured furs, according to a prominent fur dealer are: 1. Caribou; 2. Squirrel; 3. Seal; 4. Cavy; 5. Raccoon; 6. Mole; 7. Weasel, including mink, ermine, sable, and marten; 8. Fox.

Carab is a lamb skin. The best grade is the Astrachan, a species found in the province of Astrachan and other parts of southern Russia and Asia. The poor grade is the Chinese or Mongolian lamb, a soft wool, moderately long-haired lamb of those parts of Asia.

Squirrel skins from Russia and Siberia are best those from the sections east of the Urals mountains being valued above all others for their clear grey colour. In two of these districts, it has a rich bluish shade. The reddish cast is characteristic of many of the European squirrels. China also supplies a good grade of squirrel and some fine dark skins come from Japan.

SEALSKIN RARE.

Seals are divided in two chief classes: the Sealskin and the Hudson Seal. The former is the real seal, while the latter is actually muskrat. The most popular seal-skin is the Alaskan, the catch of which has been severely restricted in recent years to save the mammal from extermination.

Cavy is only another name for European rabbit. The finer white and silver-grey skins are worked up in their natural state, but many millions are either dyed in the hair or converted into "Near Seals," "Molins" and "Electric Comies" by having the top hair removed before being dyed the desired colour. Most squirrel skins come from France and Belgium, the French being of the finer quality. Skins of the Australian rabbit are called Kit Comies in their natural state, and Mole, Nutria, Beaver and Seal Comies or Sealines when they have been dyed to imitate the natural fur.

Raccoon of the large, heavy-furred variety coming from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Dakota and Northern Iowa, are most valuable. "Southern Coons" are much flatter in fur and poorer in colour than the "Central" and "Northern" varieties.

Mole is found in North America, but this variety is of poor quality. The best moleskins come from Scotland and Holland, although the Dutch Moles are not as full and silky as the Scotch Moles.

WEASEL AND FOX.

Weasel Fur are the Ermine, Mink and Sable and Marten especially. Finest varieties of Ermine come from Siberia, Canada and Alaska. The white skins come from I-shir in western Siberia, but the Babin-kay skins are the largest and most valuable.

True Mink comes from North America only, the finest being from Maine, Labrador, Nova Scotia and other sections of Canada. Next come the eastern minks, then the northwestern.

Sable is a variety of martens, of which the Russian sable is the most valuable. Next come the heavily silvered large brown skins from Kamchatka and after these the silvered small brown skins from the Amur district.

The Marten, of which Kolinsky is a variety, is most common as the Stone Marten from Europe and the Brown Marten, or Hudson's Bay Sable from that district. Kolinsky comes from Tomsk, Russia, and its brilliant orange colour is dyed a soft dark brown to resemble sable.

Fox is most popular in silver, natural blue, white, red and cross varieties.

Silver or Black Fox are found in high northern latitudes, the finest specimens coming from Alaska, Labrador, New Brunswick and the Hudson's Bay country. Only one skin in 200 is full black, the rest being more or

less silvered. Silver foxes are being raised successfully on farms in Canada and northern United States and their skins are said to be superior even to those of wild foxes.

Blue fox is found in Alaska, Greenland and Denmark.

White foxes are found in the north polar regions, but some come from the lower cold regions of the *Blus* species, where its fur changes in summer to a stone colour.



THIS WEEK'S RECIPE.

Fudge.

Two cups granulated sugar, 1 cup milk, 2 or 3 squares of bitter chocolate, 1 tablespoon butter, 1 teaspoon vanilla.

PRETTY CINEMA STAR.



Hope Hampton, the pretty cinema star is married to Jules Bruton, wealthy movie magnate, who was her first manager.

Red fox is the most common variety of the animal. Most of these skins are dyed black, blue, brown, flesh-grey, Isabella, marten, sable, victory grey, tanpe or Sika colour, and some are also "pointed" to imitate the natural silver fox.

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VALUE OF "LEADER." eight pages. The business of a newspaper is to print the news, and to that everything else was made subordinate. The leader page was scrapped, the display advertising of the great department stores was refused; those

Lesson of New York Press Strike.

Jones is an excellent fellow, sound, well balanced, mild tempered, and moderate. Every man seeking maids and maids participated, and Jones has reporters and correspondents. His blind side, and Jones has confined themselves to a bare re-

been known to grow vehement was a fit of facts.

when he denounced the slavishness of tradition which made

newspapers cling to the "exploded idea" (the exact words of which Jones and his tribe had of trip to the far east on a ship-

Jones) that people had to have long signal. All the news, such ping board line!

their paper formed for them by as there was of it, in the most

the Editor, Jones was forever condensed form, and no opinions,

tilling against the leader columns. No elaborations or expositions,

Why reads a leader?" (editorial) It was just the bare news. It

it is commonly called in America) was as if the chef brought his

I have heard him ask with fine food to the table unguaranteed,

scorn a dozen times. It was a without sauces, even unseasoned,

rhetorical question, because Jones and expected the leisurely dinner

expected no answer; in fact, he to enjoy his meal. After two

would have been disappointed days of this sort of fare New

had any one supplied the York and not alone New York

answer, and prevented him from Washington and other cities

expressing his favorite topic, near enough to receive the New

A leader, he would tell us York papers early on the morn-

ing, was only one man's ing of their publication dis-

opinion, and that in in itself covered the virtues of salt in the

knowing of what he was eating it gave to food. Jones

writing all about. Besides, Jones who honestly believed he never

would, and, warning to his wife, was an editorial or was in-

it at all, was not above forming himself by one, and never took

own part in it without it stamping it as an advertisement because

it was of no value.

When he wanted to buy some

The reverse of this was something he knew where to find it, he added, that is one reason the

Heard Press exercises no influence. It has circulation, but

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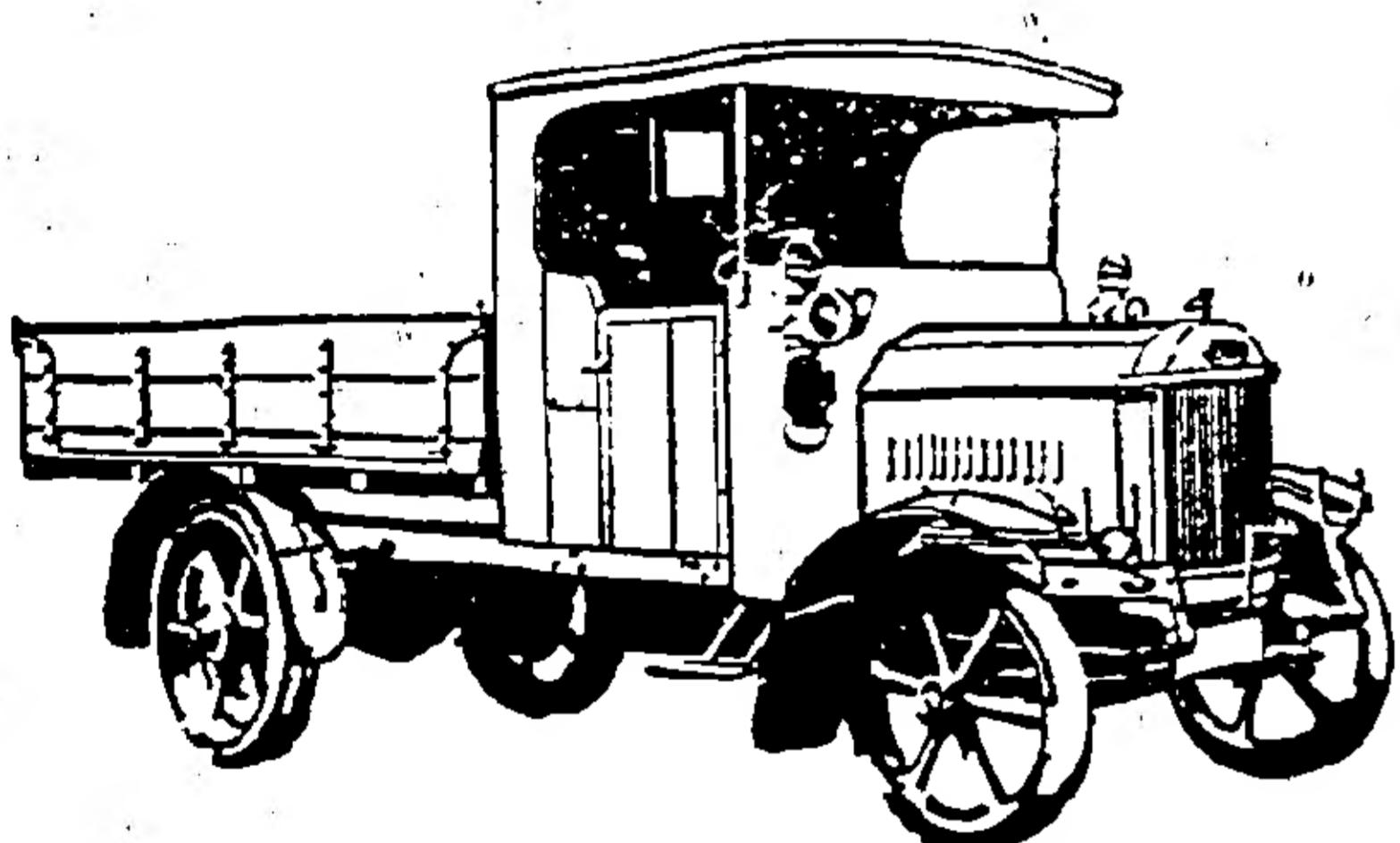
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LONG TRIP ON HIGH GEAR.



'Cannon Ball' Baker, well known motor racer, made a recent motor trip from New York to Los Angeles without once shifting his car out of high speed. He is shown delivering a letter from the Mayor of New York to the Mayor of Los Angeles.

USED CARS.

A FEW DON'TS.

Big Losses in America.

Since the first of the year, automobile dealers in America have lost about \$19,000,000 in used-car business. This represents the difference between the prices allowed for cars and the amounts at which they were sold. Add to this cost of reconditioning and overhead—and the loss mounts much higher.

Of course, few dealers actually lose, in the sense of coming out on the wrong side of the ledger at the end of the year. They make up for this red figure by the black modulus of profits through sale or new cars.

Which by a logical course of reasoning, leads the automobile owner to believe prices for auto-hundred miles are much too high. Don't flush your crankcase despite a regular series of drops with kerosene.

Yet the manufacturer sets the radiator retail price for his product although he has nothing at all to do with the trade-in which his dealers have to consider. The result is that the dealer who trades in a used car for, say, \$750, and sells it for \$650, makes \$100 less than he should have contact with the tyres made on the new car.

OWNER LOSSES.

Well, if he's willing to accept lower profits, what of it? thinks the automobile owner. That doesn't seem to affect him at all.

There's where automobile dealers have got together to show the auto owner that this loss of profit on the new car really does affect him, more than the dealer, at times. They are putting their heads together in an effort to educate the motorist in the proper methods of trading in his car, to his and the dealer's mutual benefit.

The argument is that it is the owner who keeps the prices of automobiles from dropping even lower, despite the keen competition manufacturers have to put up with to-day. The dealer must make a profit. So the margin is made wide enough to permit the dealer's narrowing it down, if he has to, to meet a higher quotation on a used car.

BURDEN SHIFTED.

Thus the automobile owner gets a higher allowance on his used car. But pays more for the new one. It is a question whether the auto dealer doesn't come out winner in the end, with even a larger profit than any sound business requires.

That the margin of profit for auto-dealers is increasing is shown by the comparison of used-car losses last year and this year. According to a recent report by the National Automobile Dealers' Association automobile dealers lost a total of \$105,000,000 in used-car sales and trade-ins last year.

This loss has been diminishing rapidly. During the last three months, the reduction in dealers' losses was 73 per cent. below those incurred the three previous months, and even more below that of the first quarter. Yet this amounted to \$5,544,000 on 399,000 cars.

AMERICAN CAR INDUSTRY.

Its Magnitude and Influence.

Is the overwhelmingly great automotive industry of the United States and Canada a mushroom growth, that will wither as quickly as it has arisen or is it a stable and vital part of North American national industry?

An answer in the affirmative to the question itself is not expressed, is furnished in an article in *Commerce Monthly*, the magazine of the National Bank of Commerce, New York, says a writer, who says:—As the author is Mr. E. M. Miller, the bank's statistician, I think we can take his figures as correct. And I want you to realise that much of what he says applies to our own motor industry.

First of all, as to magnitude, 88 per cent. of all the registered motor vehicles in the world are running in the United States and Canada. Think of it. There are in North America seven and one-third times as many cars as in the whole of the rest of the world! And we consider the Bank crossing overcrowded!

So far as production is concerned, Mr. Miller does not give actual figures, but we can safely agree with him that the American proportion of output to that of the rest of the world is probably even higher than 88 per cent.

This great industry is directly responsible for the employment of 400,000 workers, while the number indirectly concerned in its various branches is, of course enormously greater.

It doesn't affect the question, but you may be interested to know that the total number of cars and "trucks" or lorries, as we call them in the world at the

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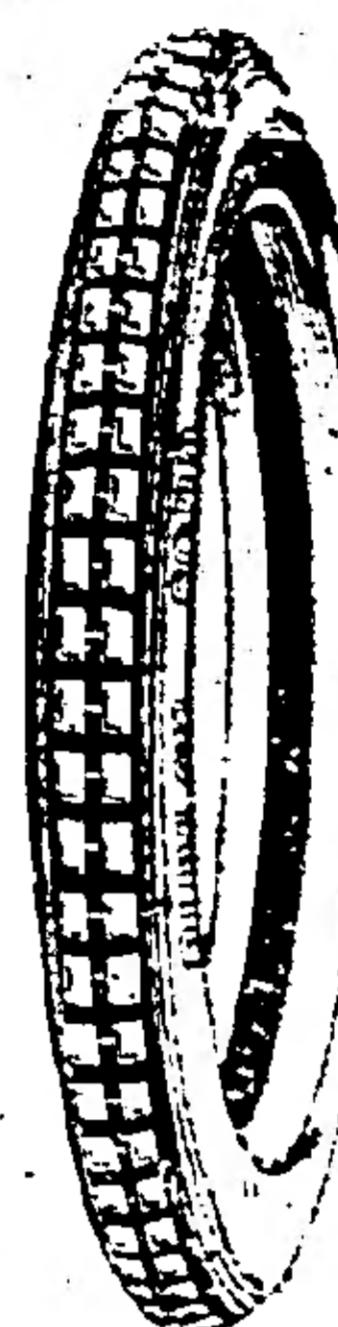
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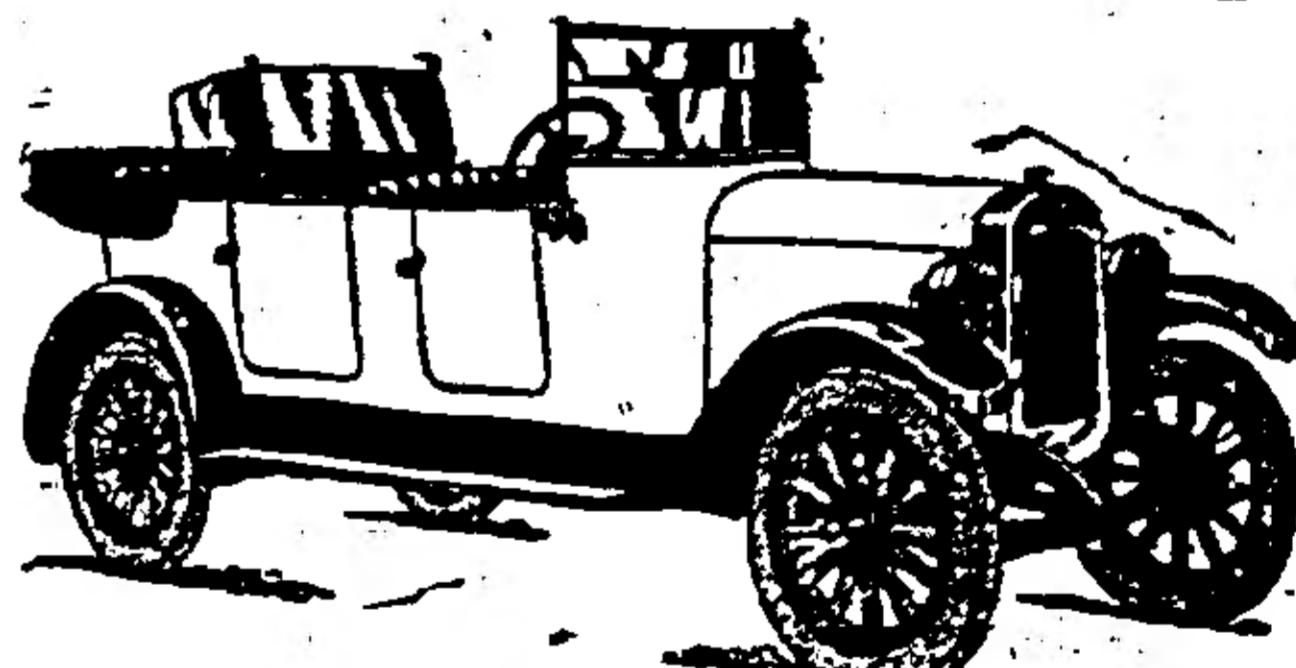
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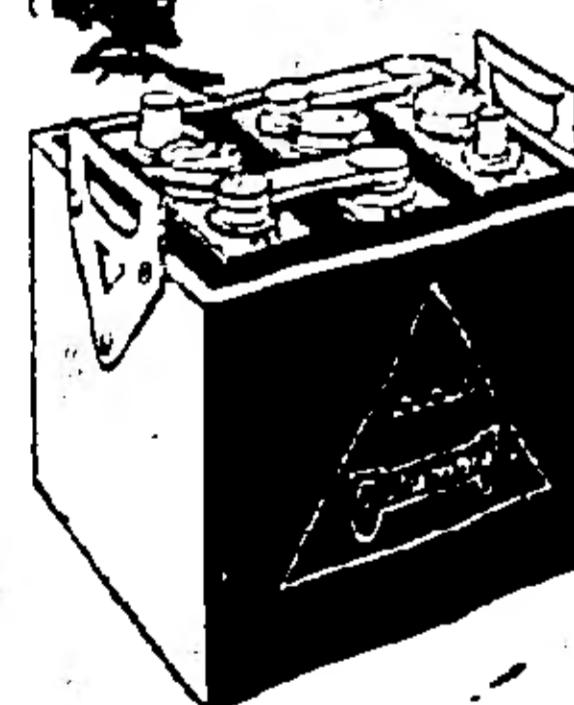
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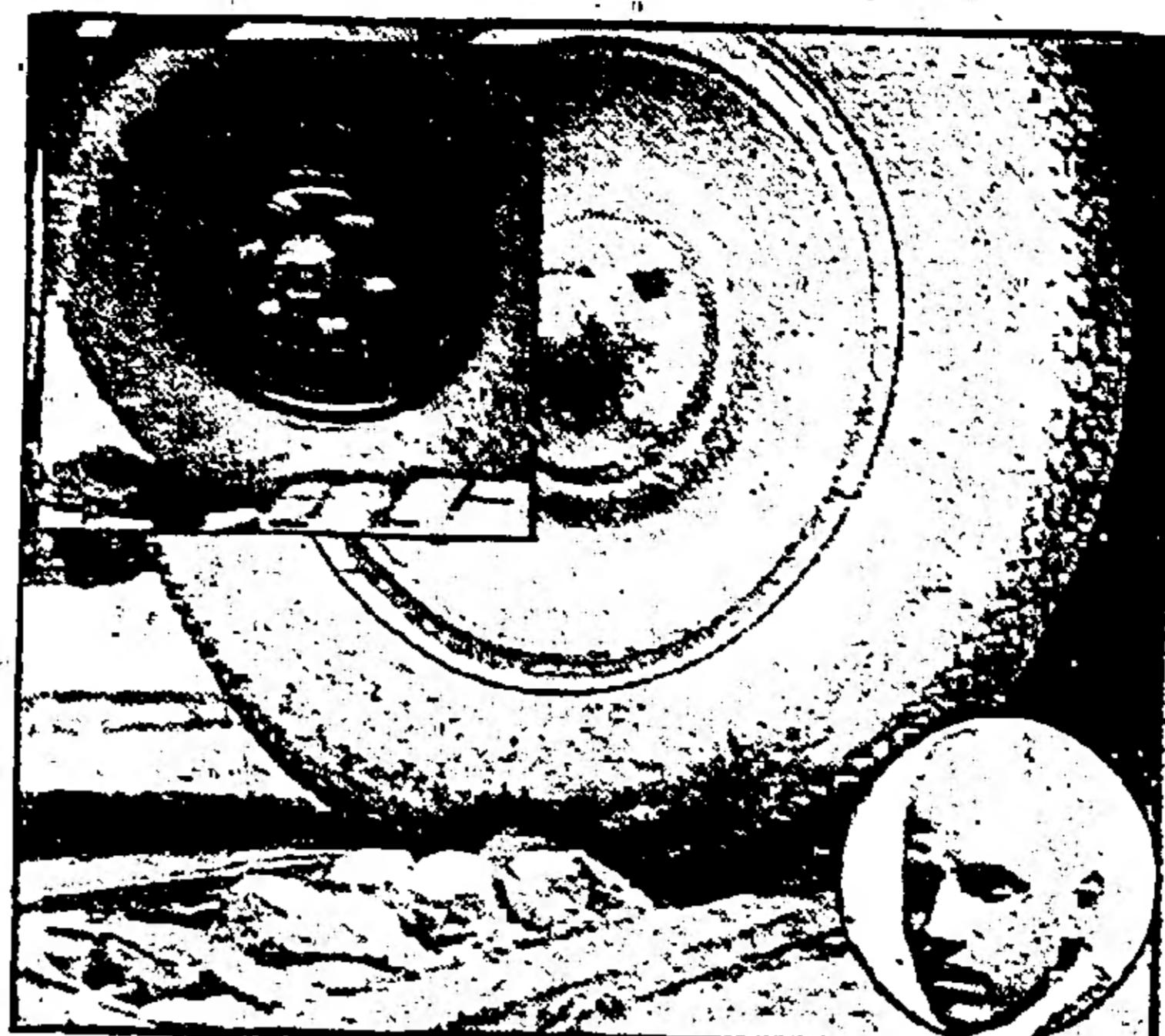
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These photos show the balloon tyre wraps around an obstruction and (above) takes a bump at speed. Below is Mr. J. E. Hale, who is a prominent advocate of the balloon tyre.

If you have ever run your tyres low to cushion your body against road bumps, you will appreciate the latest tyre necessity to slacken down for innovation which some manufacturers have already adopted. It is the air-cushion, or

Mr. Hale is enthusiastic over the advantages the new tyre affords. Because there is no need to slacken down for road bumps or ruts, he says, a higher average speed is practical.

This is a type with large cross-section, thin side walls and containing low air pressure. Its purpose is to produce better riding comfort without entailing a loss in any of the advantages already experienced in auto driving.

More than a year ago, this problem was taken in hand by the engineers of Akron (U.S.A.) with Mr. James E. Hale of the Firestone Company one of the pioneers. They recognized that greater cushioning and protection against vibrations demanded lower air pressure, and still support the same weight.

"Road surface irregularities are toned down and almost obliterated," he explains. "Everything is cushioned so that there are no sharp shocks or jolts and one does not have to watch the road to put his body in a tense condition to get over the rough spots nor be worried about being tossed up from the seat. He does not have to pick out all the good places in rough road because it makes little difference whether he takes them or not."

FUEL COSTS NO HIGHER.

"Holes are not near so dangerous, the sharp jolt being softened because the wheels are brought more gradually to rest and the action absorbed. As for fuel consumption, tests have shown that the balloon tyres take no more, if not less, than regular tyres.

"Naturally, steering is affected to a degree at very low speeds, but under other conditions the new tires actually favour better control. In crossing street car tracks at a near-paralleled angle there is no deflection; the reaction on the steering wheel from jolts and obstructions is also much less pronounced; while the soft, wide contact of the tyres tends to keep them true without effort."

"Better control is also noticeable under difficult traffic conditions. The larger area of tread contact with the road, combined with the greatly increased linear total of non-skid edges, gives excellent non-skid and traction results. In rough going this is particularly true because there is contact at all times, the tyre being so flexible that it rolls and folds over rough surfaces maintaining a uniformly larger area of contact."

ADVANTAGES OF CORDS.

At the same time, it was recognized, lower air pressure lowered the bursting stresses on the carcass. Therefore a thinner wall with less plies of fabric was possible.

That was just what was wanted to produce greater flexibility and greater cushioning effect. Thus, the thin-walled, low-pressure, large-section tyre is just as effective against blowouts, and just as durable, as the more heavily constructed cord tyre.

shape of a spark. For this purpose a mechanically-operated switch is inserted in the circuit. We call it the "make and break," or contact-breaker. It serves simply, as its name indicates, to break and then re-make the primary circuit at definite intervals in the cycle of engine operations.

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There is a fourth main part of the magneto, which is simply a rotary switch. This is the high-tension distributor. A central arm, electrically connected with the secondary winding of the armature revolves over a number of small contact pieces, each of which is connected to the terminal of a sparking plug.

CLEANLINESS IS ESSENTIAL.

If the engine has four or six cylinders, there will be respectively four or six contact pieces. The h.t. distributor, therefore, switches the current through to the particular sparking plug that is ready for it.

If it is kept clean, the distributor very seldom gives trouble. Carbon dust may collect on the surface of insulating material in which the contact pieces are set, and afford an easier path for the high tension current than the one via the plugs that we want it to follow.

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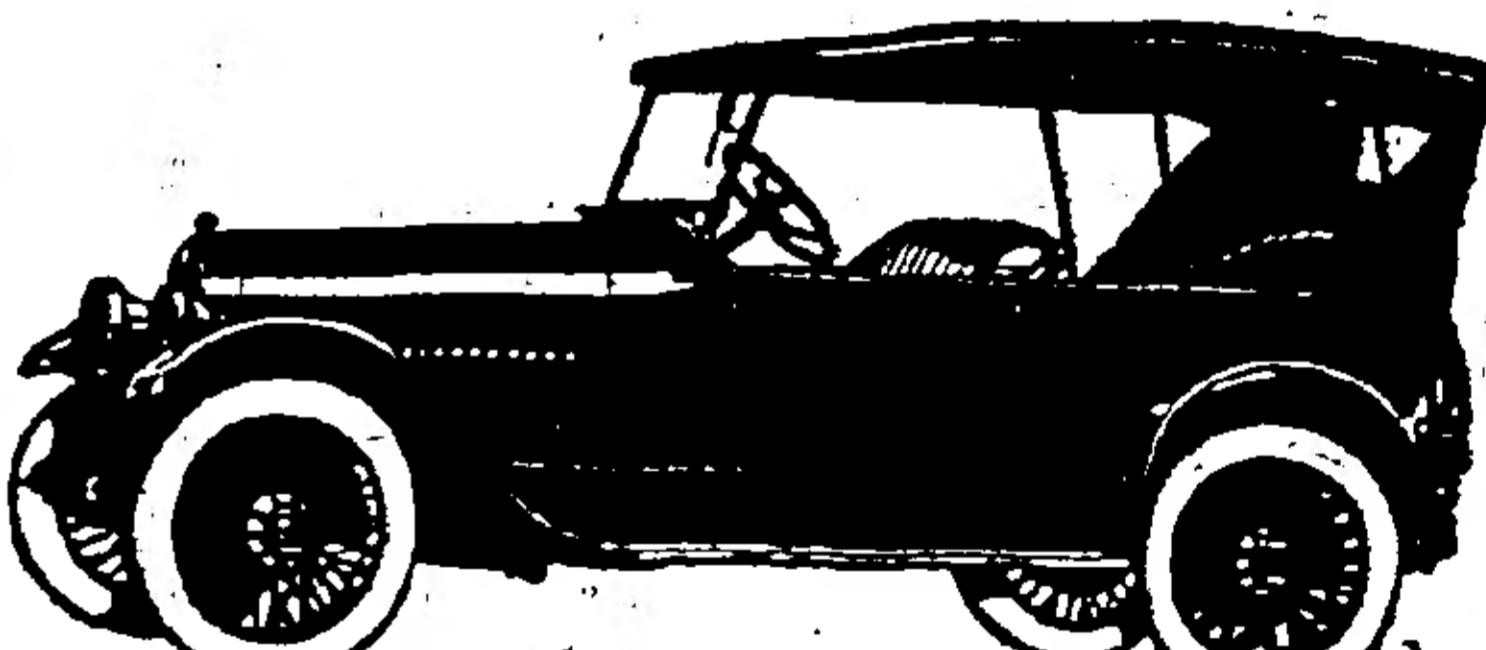
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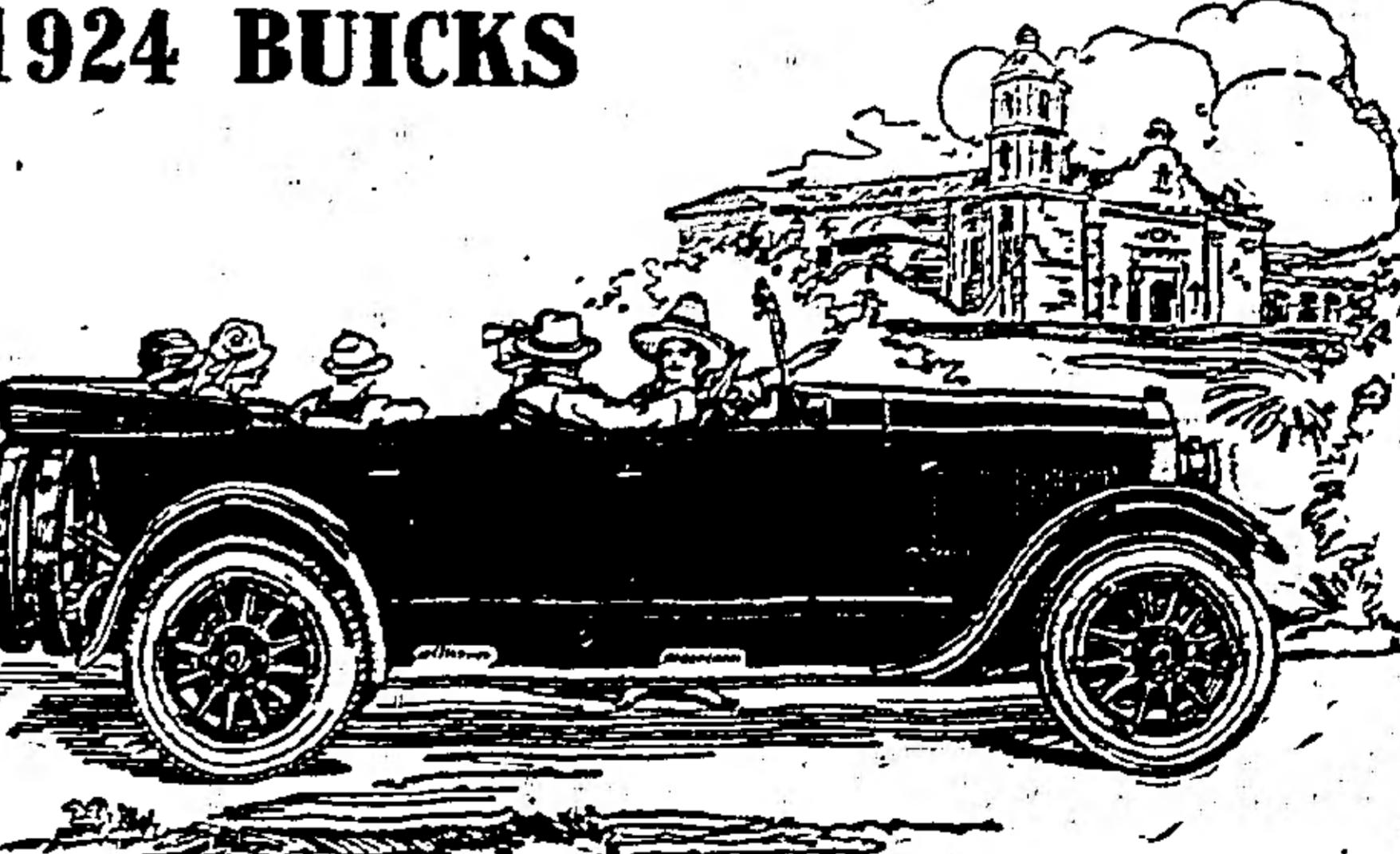
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